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FOREWORD

 HIS is the last *Yearbook* of the International Council of Religious Education. On January 1, 1951, the International Council was merged with eleven other interdenominational organizations to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Although the Federal charter of the International Council has been retained and although the International Council is still a legal entity with officers, members, and a set of by-laws, most of its responsibilities have been assigned to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Future reports of activities formerly carried forward by the International Council will be included in reports of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

In order to identify the continuing International Council with the Division of Christian Education, the International Council, on November 29, 1950, elected as its officers the persons who serve as the officers of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education and the treasurer of the Division. It also provided that, in the future, members of the International Council of Religious Education will be the members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education and "such other persons as these members may, by their actions, elect."

Information concerning the work of the International Council during 1950 and the steps taken in consummating the merger to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America will be found in the General Administrative Report on pages 17-47 of this *Yearbook*. Specific actions will be found in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the *The Council*, on pages 117 and 175.

STRUCTURE AND WORK

The International Council of Religious Education was formed in 1922 through the merging of the International Sunday School Association and the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations. This merger combined lay and professional strength and formed the basis for closer interdenominational cooperation in the field. The structure and work of the International Council during 1950 will appear readily in the following outline.

Membership

- Representatives of forty denominational boards of Christian education.
- Representatives of thirty-three state councils.
- Twenty elected by Quadrennial Convention.
- Seventeen appointed by Associated Sections.
- Eighteen special members-at-large.
- Twenty-four ex officio members.

Board of Trustees

- Consists of thirty-nine members.
- Gives general supervision to financial and business affairs.

Commission on Educational Program

- Consists of fifty-six members.
- Guides and coordinates the educational program of the Council.

Program Committees

- Fifteen committees meet annually.
- Prepare reports on materials and policies.
- Clear their work through the Board of Trustees for business and Commission on Educational Program for educational matters.

Associated Sections

- Sixteen professional groups and one lay group, for fellowship and cooperative effort.
- Annual meetings of sections in February.

Staff

- Twenty-seven staff members; also, departmental assistants and office force of sixty-nine.
- Provide executive leadership for committees and departments of work and render counseling and program service in the field.

Publications

- International Journal of Religious Education*, published monthly (except August) as service to local churches and communities.
- More than three hundred bulletins on various subjects.

Some Program Features

- Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- The National Christian Teaching Mission.
- Leadership Education Audio-Visual Program.
- International Quadrennial Convention.
- Plans for Fiftieth Anniversary, Vacation Church School Movement.
- Plans for Call to United Christian Youth Action.

PART ONE

ROSTER

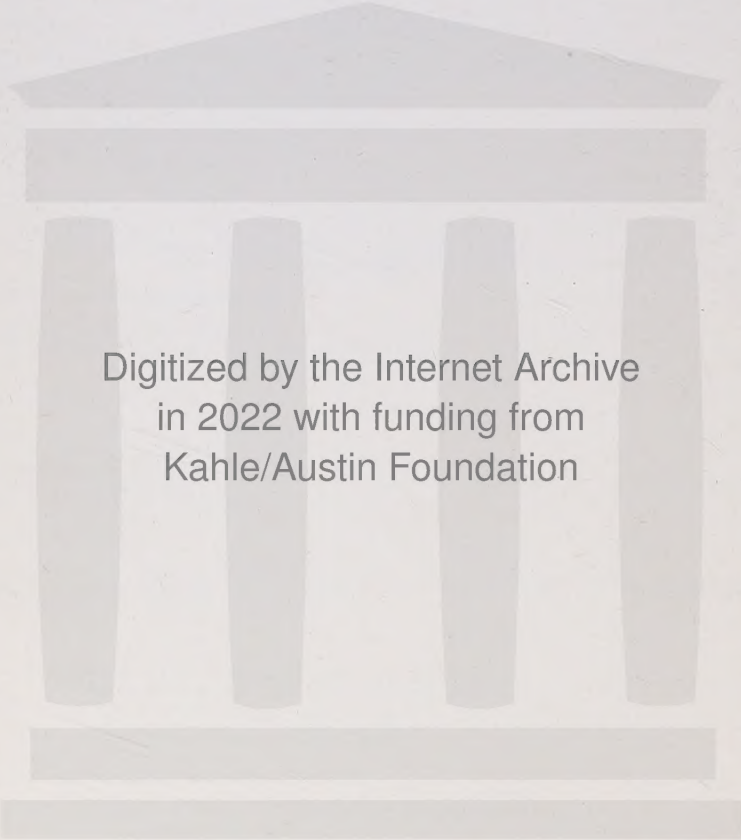


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ADMINISTRATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL REPORTS



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

SECTION I: WE MOVE INTO OUR NEW RELATIONSHIPS

SECTION II: A REVIEW OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

SECTION III: A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS, AND PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

General Administrative Report

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT



AM PLEASED TO PRESENT to the International Council of Religious Education statements by my associates and myself which constitute the fifteenth annual administrative report to the Council during my period of service as your General Secretary.

On authority of the Council, I have devoted a large portion of my time during the past year to preparations for the recently inaugurated National Council of Churches. Since the Constituting Convention, I have divided my time between work with our new General Secretary on responsibilities of general administration and work with my associates on plans for integrating and carrying forward the work of the three agencies which have united to form the new Division of Christian Education. Because of my enlarged responsibilities, I have assigned to my associates a larger measure of responsibility than heretofore for preparation of reports.

The reports which are recorded here and which will be entered in the last *Yearbook* of this Council include the following:

Section I—"We Move into Our New Relationships," a report of the General Secretary to the Special Meeting of *The Council* at Cleveland, Ohio, November 28, 1950.

Section II—"A Review of Program Activities," prepared by Gerald E. Knoff.

Section III—"A Review of Developments in Organization, Personnel, and Business," prepared by Wilbur C. Parry.

These reports have been prepared hastily because of the pressure of responsibilities related to the merger. However, they will together provide a picture of developments during the year 1950.


We are pleased that the officers, members, and staff of the Council, working together, have been able to prepare the way for inauguration of the new National Council of Churches without any appreciable diminution in the forward movement of our Christian educational services. We believe that we have made the transition to our new organizational home with a minimum of disruption. As this report is prepared, there is every evidence that the new Council is a "going concern" and will be able to carry forward and extend the services which were inaugurated and conducted by the International Council over a period of thirty years.

I wish to express on this occasion my personal appreciation, *first*, for the foresightedness of the Council and its officers in providing the staff assistance which has made it possible for your executive officers to carry the extra administrative responsibilities of the year; *second*, for the unstinted and effective participation of the officers and members of the Council in the work of the Planning Committee; and *third*, for the excellent services of my associates and all members of the staff who have frequently revised their schedules and assumed extra work loads in order to carry their regular duties and help prepare for the future.

As we close the records of the work of the International Council, we do so with a prayer that time may prove them to be records of real spiritual achievements in the fulfillment of God's will for his world. We are painfully aware that we have not succeeded as we should have; otherwise we should not now be living in a world where there is so much of sin in our social milieu and so much insecurity in the lives of our children. We commit the records of the years to God and we transmit them to succeeding generations for evaluation from the perspective of history.

To those who have been privileged to participate in the fellowship of the Council and its activities through more than a quarter-century, it has been a rewarding experience which appears to have been replete with spiritual experiences and achievements of real significance.

We look forward with anticipation to the next chapter in the life of the religious education movement of North America. As this chapter begins, we face ominous signs in our world situation, the meanings of which are not yet clear. However, we know that God lives and is guiding the destiny of his people. We can only hope and determine that we, as persons who have been entrusted with a measure of responsibility for the teaching program of the church, shall measure up to his will for our lives.


General Secretary

General Administrative Report

SECTION I. WE MOVE INTO OUR NEW RELATIONSHIPS

A report of the General Secretary to the special meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, Cleveland, Ohio, November 28, 1950



ANY ONE OF FOUR TYPES of reports might be appropriate for this occasion:

First, a record of the program activities and achievements of the year since the last annual meeting of the Council.

Second, a summary of the work of the Council during its twenty-eight years' history.

Third, an appraisal of the outlook for the new National Council.

Fourth, a record of the work which has been done in preparation for the inauguration of the National Council of Churches.

The first type of report will be prepared for the February meetings and will be available there to all members of the International Council. It will contain the usual information regarding established services. It will also contain information regarding numerous new advances which have been achieved through avenues such as (a) the Vacation Church School Observance, (b) the National Christian Teaching Mission, (c) the new film production project, and (d) the Call to United Christian Youth Action.

The focus of attention of your officers and executive staff since the last annual meetings in February, 1950, has been on preparations for inauguration of the National Council. Eighty per cent of the time of your General Secretary and a large portion of the time of his associates have been given to this task.

There is no need here to present a picture of the new Council, for that will unfold in the days immediately ahead. Neither is there reason for presenting any apologetic for its inauguration, for the circumstances which have made it indispensable and mandatory to the Protestant churches in America at the time of this period in their development are well known. I shall only say here that I believe we stand on the threshold of one of the greatest events in American Protestantism—one which we shall always be proud to have helped achieve.

The new Council will represent long years of planning. It would be useless to give a detailed account of all the questions and problems to which the Planning Committee has addressed itself during these years. They include:

- a. Structures, policies, and procedures in every area of its activity.
- b. By-laws as a codification of conclusions which have been reached.
- c. Legal procedures for the formation of new incorporations and modification of old ones.
- d. Financial policies and relationships.

- e. Budget principles and procedures.
- f. Advance planning with respect to officers, executive staff, and appointments to the great variety of standing committees which will be required in the work of the new organization.
- g. Accounting procedures.
- h. New banking arrangements.
- i. Plans for transfer of permanent funds and properties.
- j. Beginning program policies and procedures.
- k. Program arrangements for Cleveland
- l. Physical arrangements for Cleveland.
- m. Plans for the credentialing of representatives from denominations and member agencies.

The record of this work can be found in the *Work Book*, which contains the by-laws for the new Council; in the report of the Planning Committee; and in the many supplementary documents which have been prepared for the several units of the new organization. Long hours of planning will be covered by a single paragraph or by the simple turn of a phrase in these records.

The validity of the committee's activities will be determined by the experience of future years as we try to work on the basis of the structures and policies which have been outlined. I would urge that our Council members not expect perfection, for otherwise they will be badly disappointed. We must remember that there were twelve merging agencies, no two of which had the same traditions, structures, or working procedures. Each had its own particular methods for program building, budget building, personnel appointments, and for financial policies, banking arrangements, public relations, and program services. Our plans are, therefore, a compromise between idealism and opportunism. We had to start from where we were. We believe that we have made a great advance in the integration of programs and of procedures. However, we expect that the new Council will be able to go much farther than we have toward such integration and toward simplification.

In the months ahead we shall find many places where the by-laws can be improved. We are finding such points day by day. The by-laws can and will be amended as we get new light upon desired structures and policies. We may be consoled, however, by the knowledge that we are still amending so perfect a document as the Constitution of the United States.

Our religious education forces may find some disappointments in the arrangements which have been made for the continuing work of the International Council. On the whole, however, I believe we are very fortunate. Let us look at the record:

First, we have all of the major educational services in one division, including services in the field of local church and community, higher education, missionary education, family life, and Christian vocation.

Second, we have provision for relating all student activities of the Protestant churches of North America, including those of the Inter-seminary Movement, the United Student Christian Council, and the

Student Volunteer Movement, to the extent that these movements wish to become a part of the National Council.

Third, we have an opportunity to bridge the old gap between the church on the one hand and the campus on the other and between the associations of youth which have constituted the United Student Christian Council, on the one hand, and the United Christian Youth Movement on the other.

Fourth, we have been given in our Division executive responsibility for the coordination of all activities of the Council touching childhood and youth.

Fifth, we have as much autonomy as is needed for effective functioning in the field of Christian education in a way which is consistent with the desired goal of coordinating the total interdenominational work of Protestantism.

Sixth, we have provision through the by-laws of various units of the Council for representation in the determination of policies and programs wherever the educational work of the church is involved, including the areas served by the Joint Department of Evangelism, the Joint Department of Stewardship, the General Department of United Church Women, the General Department of United Church Men, and the several central departments.

But the greatest achievements are not found in the plans for any one unit. They are rather to be found in the fact of a structure for over-all planning which will guarantee that the total forces of the church will work together harmoniously toward common goals and on the basis of common policies. We now have ten central service departments, six joint departments, and two general departments which will help us to accomplish this goal, as they serve all of the basic divisions of the Council in areas of overlapping interest. We shall now be able to achieve a unified public relations policy, a unified field policy, a unified financial approach, greater efficiency in our accounting and publication procedures, a coordinated approach to our world relationships and to world organizations of the church, a comprehensive program of research, and a pooling of skills and resources in the fields of radio, films, and television. For the first time in the history of Protestantism, boards of lay activity will be geared to the life of our churches interdenominationally. For the first time publishing houses of our member denominations will have a rallying center of their own in the life of the Council comparable to those of the educational and mission boards. For the first time we shall have the benefit of the skills and judgments of these executives in the Council's own publishing activities. So, while we are aware of inadequacies, we see very significant gains which augur well for the future.

Because of preoccupation in general planning, we have not completed all that we had hoped to accomplish in preparation for the new Division of Christian Education. We do, however, have the new corporation known as the Division of Christian Education, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, in operation. We have prepared revisions of the by-laws of this organization for consideration in the meetings today and tomorrow. Plans have been worked out by provisional committees for officers, the maze of needed committee appointments, and the staff nominations which are

essential to the functioning of the new Division. Summaries of educational and business policies have been prepared for transmittal to the new Division. Summaries of all existing contractual operations have been prepared as a basis for assigning the assets in these contracts to the new Division. Resolutions are ready for making transfers of authority. Banking resolutions are now in the course of preparation so that new gifts beginning as of January 1 can be received in the name of the Division.

It has been my deep desire to prepare a summary of the years for inclusion in the record of this meeting. Had time permitted, this would have been a composite report for the twenty-eight years of the life of the Council and also a supplementary report for the fifteen years during which I have served as General Secretary. Perhaps it is just as well that time has not made this possible, for the finger of time has written, and, having written, now moves on to a new and more exciting chapter.

We could not get a true picture of the International Council now if we would. Only time can provide the perspective which will be needed for that task. Only persons farther removed and with a greater degree of objectivity could undertake it.

The statistics of the past fifteen years read well. They show that the Council has grown from nine to eighteen departments of work; from a staff of nine to twenty-eight full-time persons and ten part-time persons; from a Council family of twenty-nine to more than one hundred; from a budget of \$145,000 to \$754,000; from an income of \$106,000 to \$580,000; from a gift support of \$17,000 to \$212,000.

In the record of these years, there are also found the achievements of the United Christian Youth Movement and more recently the Call to United Christian Youth Action; the Service Men's Christian League; the Protestant Radio Commission, for the inauguration of which the International Council took initiative; the United Christian Education Advance, which resulted in the National Christian Teaching Mission; the new graded lesson series; and the Revised Standard Version Bible.

It would be sad indeed, however, if the residue of the years were only statistics and listings or if the statistics proved to be sterile ones. The only real achievements will be spiritual, and they will be found in the minds and hearts of children, youth, and parents throughout the nation. They will also be found in the policies and programs which have helped persons to develop lives which were more Christian.

I do, however, point to trends of recent years which I feel are most hopeful for the educational phases of the ecumenical movement in the years ahead. I point to, first, the growing confidence of leaders of all denominations in each other; second, the new sense of evangelistic mission, coupled with a continued emphasis on higher teaching standards; third, the emerging and growing emphasis on the community and on the social milieu in which Christian education must transpire; fourth, the restored emphasis on the content of the teaching program; fifth, the better balance of emphasis on lay and professional leadership in the determination of policy and program in the field of Christian education; sixth, the steadily increasing scope of interdenominational effort in the educational field; seventh, the discovery which we are making of ways to achieve a unified effort in American Protestantism without violating denominational auton-

omy. This latter point is well documented by the Call to United Christian Youth Action and the National Christian Teaching Mission.

As we close the records of the life and work of this Council as a separate organizational entity, it is appropriate that we recognize and record our debt of gratitude to the first General Secretary of the Council, Dr. Hugh S. Magill, and to his staff for the leadership which they gave to the Council through the first thirteen years of its existence. They laid the foundations upon which a great interdenominational agency, truly representative of the Protestant churches of this continent, could be built. Their contribution was that which stemmed from an understanding of and an experience in the use of the best of educational methods. Their primary emphasis was on a scientific approach through research and controlled experimentation. This understanding and emphasis lifted the Sunday school movement to a new level of respect among the educational forces of the nation, for which we should always be grateful. I regret that Dr. Magill was not able to come to this meeting and I hope that a message of affectionate memory and appreciation may go to him from this Council.

It is also appropriate that I should record here the gratitude which we all feel for the excellence of officer leadership which this Council has had throughout the thirty years of its existence. No institution was ever blessed with officers who were more able and consecrated or who gave their time more unstintedly and their counsel more graciously.

Let us recall the roster of the years. It includes Russell Colgate and Harold Stassen as presidents and J. L. Kraft as vice president and acting president of the International Convention; Robert M. Hopkins, Harold McAfee Robinson, Walter D. Howell, Arlo Ayres Brown, and Paul Calvin Payne as chairmen and J. L. Kraft as treasurer of the Council's supervisory body, first known as the Executive Committee and then as *The Council*; Luther A. Weigle, Paul H. Vieth, and Harry Thomas Stock as chairmen of the Educational Commission, later known as the Commission on Educational Program; John H. Race, B. A. Whitmore, and Luther Wesley Smith as chairmen and Edward D. Grant as vice chairman of the Board of Trustees. These and the several others who served as vice chairmen of these agencies, and still others who served as officers in the earlier years of the Council's life, were men of real stature, who have guided the Council's operations faithfully and well. Together they have helped formulate policies which have enabled this organization to strengthen and extend its work so as to become a strong instrument for good in the life of this continent and, particularly, in the life of our churches.

I would conclude my report with an expression of my personal gratitude for the privilege which I have had of working with our officers, with the scores of able persons who have served as chairmen of the Council's many committees, with the executives of our member agencies, and with the total membership of the Council during my years as your General Secretary; also my gratitude for the association with the most consecrated, efficient, and thoroughly cooperative staff I have ever known. Together you have combined to make the past fifteen years of my life exceedingly happy and rewarding ones, indeed, as happy and rewarding as any one could wish for in his most extravagant dreaming.

General Administrative Report

SECTION II. A REVIEW OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



R. ALEC R. VIDLER, in a lecture series at the University of Cambridge, spoke of the apostolic church as moving out into the Hellenistic world "faithfully, fearlessly, and flexibly." In a review of his book the reviewer commented that here were three good adverbs for churchmen.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that the Christian education forces of the International Council in 1950 have moved ahead in this crucial year of our history faithfully, fearlessly, and flexibly.

No one who is even moderately well acquainted with the earnest and capable work of our educational committees would doubt that our work has been carried on in faithful loyalty to the gospel of Jesus Christ. A courage born of complete commitment to the Kingdom of God has supported them during the ominous developments of the past six months. As we have faced the new demands and the large opportunities brought to us by the formation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, we have demonstrated the kind of flexibility which has always been characteristic of the Christian church at its best.

This review of program activities covers the last year of the work of the International Council of Religious Education. We believe that in every way this year is worthy to be recorded as one of the best years in our history.

I. FELLOWSHIP AND INTERCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE

For a number of years we have regarded as the primary function of the Council the responsibility of providing "its member Christian education agencies with the inspiration, spiritual enrichment, and self-education which comes through fellowship." It is interesting to notice that from time to time as individuals leave denominational and state council staffs for other work, they often speak of the personal fellowship and exchange of professional experience which has come to them in their associations with their colleagues through the International Council.

The seventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education was held again at Green Lake and brought together 298 leaders from thirty denominations, thirty-four states, and eight foreign countries. The second Religious Drama Workshop, again jointly sponsored with the Northern Baptist Assembly, was held at Green Lake under the able direction of Miss Amy Goodhue Loomis. A great deal of faculty time was devoted this year to individual conferences with delegates concerning their personal needs in the drama field. The sixty full-time delegates came from twenty-eight states and represented fourteen denominations.

A fellowship breakfast on the Monday morning of the annual meeting of 1950 proved to be a fine experience for the Vacation Religious Education

Section, looking ahead as it was to the task of assisting in the plans for the fiftieth anniversary. The annual luncheon of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the largest since the merger with the International Council, was an unusually pleasant gathering.

The weekday religious education workers have had profitable professional interchange as the Committee on Weekday Religious Education and the Weekday Religious Education Section have each had the largest attendance in their history. The *Newsletter* has been especially well received. Eleven state councils have now established active fellowship groups for weekday workers.

The fifth conference on voluntary service held by the Commission on Youth Service Projects met in New Windsor, Maryland, from October 12 to 15. It was both a result of and a contribution to the interest in effective voluntary service. The rapid growth in this type of strategic work is one of the most heartening developments in the life of the modern church.

The International Children's Work Conference held in Toronto gave an opportunity for two hundred carefully selected children's workers to meet for study and fellowship with fifty leaders from other countries.

The seven regional conferences of the United Christian Youth Movement brought together 560 of the finest of our Protestant young people to exchange experiences as to how they might best unitedly bear their Christian witness in communities, states, and in the nation.

The Association of Council Secretaries looks forward always to its annual meeting at Conference Point Camp. This year an unusually fine program, arranged on the theme, "Upbuilding the Body of Christ," brought together two hundred leaders of our city council and state cooperative councils.

The National Conference on Education of Christian Parents held at Conference Point Camp brought together delegates from seventeen denominations and several national agencies. As a result of this experience of fellowship and interchange of experience, family life education in general and the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council in particular, moved ahead in a fine way.

The fifth National Workshop for Directors of Christian Education was held at Conference Point Camp with an increased attendance of twenty-six over the year before. Those who were there were sure that this was the best of the five, resulting as it did in a synthesis of interdenominational working fellowship with denominational planning.

Staffs of thirteen denominational educational boards have been visited in the interests of the National Christian Teaching Mission, exchanging experiences about relating the findings and procedures of the Missions to denominational programs.

II. PROGRAM PLANNING

Many of the educational committees felt that their three-day fall sessions at Green Lake had been the most creative and rewarding meetings in their histories. This reaction came, partly because the physical surroundings of the Northern Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake provide an opportunity for concentrated attention upon the tasks at hand, and partly because several of the committees had unusually significant dockets.

The Committee on Leadership Education found much of its attention given this year to the planning for the Leadership Education Audio-Visuals. The remarkable success which this program has had in the field since it was introduced last fall is evidence of careful planning.

Much of the attention of the Committee on Educational Evangelism has been given to the making of adequate plans for the administration of this program in the new Joint Department of Evangelism. We are happy that as a result of this planning, the educational forces will continue to be intimately related to its program. During 1950 forty-nine Missions were completed, with 1368 local churches participating. A year ago we estimated that the Mission would reach directly more than thirteen hundred churches. We are happy that our estimate was exceeded. A total census coverage of 5,467,000 persons was reached.

An interesting analysis of adult religious needs in terms of six developmental areas of adult life has been made by members of the Committee on Religious Education of Adults. Basic papers have been prepared and research is under way as this committee plans its continuing work. The "Learning for Life," institutional program, mentioned in our 1949 report, has been extended to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Thirteen hundred and ten certificates of recognition were awarded recently in San Quentin prison in California, and 110 men were baptized as a result of their participation in this program.

The members of the Committee on Vacation Religious Education put forth unusually concentrated efforts in planning for the fiftieth anniversary. Members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children and the Committee on Religious Education of Youth have cooperated wholeheartedly. Joint committee sessions of the Committee on Religious Education of Children and the Committee on Vacation Religious Education in October proved so successful that a request was made for similar joint sessions in February.

The successful production of four new pieces of promotional material and the appearance of three new cooperative texts for vacation church schools are in themselves evidence of the industry of this hard-working committee and of the enthusiastic leadership of Ralph Mould and Ruth Elizabeth Murphy.

The work of the Committee on the Graded Series is developing in so many directions these months that it is becoming in itself one of the major program enterprises of the Council. Planning for a conference on junior high objectives at Anderson, Indiana, in late January, 1951, has engaged the attention of those members concerned with youth curriculum throughout the year. A study of objectives for the junior high curriculum is being made by a joint committee established by the Committee on the Graded Series and the Committee on Religious Education of Youth with the cooperation of members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children. The regular ongoing work of the two curriculum committees continues under the competent direction of John L. Fairly and C. A. Bowen.

A new Committee on the Curriculum Guide for the Local Church was authorized at the last meeting of *The Council*. Its personnel has been named and it has already had one meeting under the able direction of its chairman, Merle L. Easton.

Weekday religious education leaders believe that their movement is on its firmest foundation since the Supreme Court decision in the Champaign case. Community programs and pupil enrollment are probably not much below the all-time high figures for early 1948. A number of community programs in several states were dropped only to be resumed. These communities seem convinced of the need of weekday religious education as never before. The legal situation has cleared during the year. Two decisions were given by the Supreme Court of New York dealing with the Brooklyn case, both of them decidedly favorable. Members of the Committee on Weekday Religious Education and the Cooperative Publication Association alike are looking forward to a plan set in operation this year whereby experimentation in selected centers will be carried on with outlines of weekday texts. They believe that out of this experimentation helpful, practical suggestions will be gleaned which will result in much more usable weekday texts. Much of the responsibility for the direction of this new development has been assumed by Miss Hazel A. Lewis, who will be greatly missed not only by these two groups but also by our whole interdenominational program.

One of the most far-reaching developments in youth work is the planning now going on for common denominational youth fellowship commissions. Significant agreements were reached at the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement, recommending a common five commission plan for the UCYM and the youth fellowships. The Committee on Religious Education of Adults has been considering the implications of the increasing war consciousness for the religious education of adults, an investigation which has resulted in the drawing up of a statement of agreements and the listing of a number of topics of special interest to adults.

The spring and fall of 1951 will have an unusually heavy field program for children's workers as plans now being made for the forty-six children's work regional conferences are brought to completion. These regional conferences will be developed as a regional outgrowth of the International Children's Work Conference held at Toronto, August 7, 8, and 9. Helpful conferences have been held as Harry H. Kalas met with members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children to discuss plans for educational evangelism efforts with children.

The Committee on Weekday Religious Education set aside a major part of its fall committee meeting for the consideration of what seemed to be emerging trends in the movement. The program is being adapted to deal with these newer developments in order to keep pace with the latest happenings in this rapidly changing field of endeavor.

The Committee on Leadership Education has been stimulated in its thinking by a recent research study of the effectiveness of leadership schools in New York City and a number of constructive developments are already under way as a result of this doctoral dissertation.

Basic to all our program planning is the need for sound research and gathering of information. Two significant studies have been completed this year: one on the effect of films in reducing prejudice, the other on high school weekday religious education. The Council's research services, guided by the advisory committee, have provided studies and information services in ten other major areas of investigation.

III. PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The departments and committees of the Council have produced many educational resources during the year which received earlier approval than has been possible heretofore because of the opportunity provided by the Cleveland meeting of *The Council*. Among the materials prepared, reviewed, and produced through the regularly established processes of the Council in 1950 are:

A. Material issued for use of denominational editors and lesson writers

Uniform Lesson Outlines for 1953

Home Daily Bible Readings for 1953

Cycle Graded Lesson Outlines for 1952-53, Kindergarten through Senior

Society Topics for 1952-53, Junior through Senior-Older Youth

Junior Closely Graded Lesson Outlines

Description for "A Book for Home Use on Christian Family Life"

Descriptions for Vacation Church School Curriculum:

Primary: "Long Ago in Palestine" (10 sessions)

Primary: "Jesus Went About Doing Good" (10 sessions)

Primary: "Living as Friends of Jesus" (10 sessions)

Younger Children: "The Lord God Made Them All" (10 sessions)

Older Children: "The Earth Is the Lord's" (10 sessions)

Junior: "Bible Lands and People" (20 sessions)

Production Outlines for Audio-Visuals Related to Curriculum:

"Concerning Alcohol"—junior children

"With the Bible People"—older primary and junior children

B. Material produced by the research services

"Report on Research in Audio-Visual Aids to Education"

1949 Religious Education Statistics

Abstracts of Doctoral Dissertations—1949

"Graduate Research Studies in Religious Education below the Doctoral Level"

C. Material produced by the Department of Vacation Religious Education

Developing Vacation Church School Leadership

Vacation Church School Planning Chart

Fiftieth Anniversary materials

1951 postcard and poster

Program Guide—for the vacation church school fiftieth birthday

Promotional flyer, *Help Celebrate the 50th Birthday*

Special issue of the *International Journal*, January 1951

Special issue of promotional leaflet on vacation church school texts in connection with the CPA publication of four new cooperative texts

- D. Material produced by the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences
- Promotion materials
 - Day Camping folder
 - Camps and conferences poster
 - Counselor application blank
- E. Material produced by the Department of Weekday Religious Education
- Standards for Weekday Church Schools*
 - "Church Centers for Weekday Church School Classes"
 - "A Guide for Developing a Job Analysis for Weekday Religious Education Workers"
 - When You Employ a Weekday Teacher*
 - "Bibliography for Weekday Religious Education" (1950 revision)
 - "A Report of the Current Weekday Religious Education Situation"
- F. Material produced by the Department of Young People's Work and the United Christian Youth Movement
- United! Committed! In Christ!*—the 1950-51 emphases manual
 - UCYM News*—three issues
 - Youth Week materials—including a manual, a denominational and interdenominational worship service, a radio play, and a promotional flier
 - 1950 Regional Conference folders—detailed information of the seven regional planning conferences
 - Invest Your Summer*—1950 catalog of summer service opportunities
 - UCYM general folder
 - In Harmony*—Song Book (1950 edition)
- G. Material produced by the Special Committee on Educational Evangelism
- "Manual for Community Directors"
 - 98-page Turnover Chart
- H. Material produced by the Department of Leadership Education and Church School Administration
- Course description for "The Making of the English Bible,"
 - Second Series, Standard Leadership Curriculum
 - Course description for "Administering the Church Day Camp,"
 - Second Series, Standard Leadership Curriculum
 - Revisions of course descriptions for "Teaching Youth," "Introduction to the Study of the Bible," "The Life of Jesus," "The Program of the Church," and "Introduction to Teaching"
 - Publicity Strategy, the Key to Growing Leadership Schools*
- I. Material produced by the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education
- Using Audio-Visuals in the Church*
 - Audio-Visual Resource Guide for Use in Religious Education*, second edition.

IV. LEADERSHIP EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

More than ever before the work of providing an adequate leadership for the educational tasks of the church has been met by the coordinated efforts of a number of the departments of the Council with the Department of Leadership Education.

This department, of course, carries the major responsibility for the creation of an informed and competent lay leadership for our Protestant churches. This year 642 interdenominational leadership schools were officially accredited and held between September 1, 1949, and August 31, 1950. This represents a substantial increase over the 549 schools held in 1943-44. In the schools held this year, 50,781 persons were enrolled, as compared with 56,521 persons in 1948-49, with 33,837 credit cards awarded. In addition, 334 Certificates of Progress and 9 Certificates of Achievement were earned.

Perhaps the most significant advance in many years in leadership education will be made possible by the completion and introduction to the field, of leadership education audio-visuals. The Committee and Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education worked intimately with the Department of Leadership Education. Indeed so complete was this collaboration that there were questions raised as to whether Miss Rosser and her staff had joined Mr. Gable's department or whether Mr. Gable and his colleagues had gone down the hall to work for Miss Rosser! We believe special congratulations should go to Howard E. Tower, to Raymond A. Vogeley, to Pearl Rosser, to James E. Fidler, to Lee J. Gable, and to all the members of these two committees for the successful completion of this ambitious project. We are all grateful also for the resourceful and understanding collaboration in this project of the Jam Handy Organization, and especially of Mr. Scott Mitchell.

The social education and inter-group seminars of the United Christian Youth Movement have become an important part of our informal program of leadership education. This year eighteen local United Christian Youth Councils sponsored interfaith and interracial seminars or camps, and in addition each UCYM regional conference stressed inter-group work. A score or more of state and city councils of churches and youth councils were given literature and audio-visual services.

The Department of Children's Work and the Department of Young People's Work have worked closely throughout the entire year with the Department of Leadership Education in reviewing and revising many leadership education courses in their respective fields. The Friends of Youth program was reviewed by the Commission on Educational Program and members of the National Denominational Executives' Section. It has been referred back to the Department of Young People's Work for further revision which it is hoped will make it even more useful and productive. The collaboration earlier referred to between the Committee on Religious Education of Youth and the Committee on the Graded Series in junior high work has proved to be helpful to leaders of intermediate youth.

Seven state councils are now holding midwinter coaching conferences for leaders of leaders in vacation church school work. These persons, in turn, are busy all during the spring, leading vacation church school insti-

tutes to train teachers in local church and community vacation schools. These coaching conferences usually extend for two or three days and employ national leadership from the International Council and from denominational boards. This leadership education activity has demonstrated beyond all doubt its educational effectiveness. There is no state which would not profit from this type of endeavor.

The Special Committee on Camps and Conferences is planning now for the special session for church camp leaders to be conducted by National Camp, affiliated with New York University, in cooperation with the Special Committee. Extending over a period of nearly a month, beginning on August 20, this session will greatly advance the cause of church camping, and will bring to leaders in this field a close association with experts in the whole field of camping.

Fourteen conferences, each bringing weekday religious education leaders from two or more communities, have been held during the year and have been led in whole or part by Erwin L. Shaver. In addition Dr. Shaver has held several conferences during the year dealing with the related subject of the place of religion in public education or issues of church and state.

A fruitful collaboration between the Department of Educational Evangelism and the Department of Adult Work and Family Life Education took place when Richard E. Lentz served as a member of the National Christian Teaching Mission team in the city of Minneapolis. A new type of approach was made in this city, which may have important implications for the work of the Missions, for family education, and for leadership education.

The National Christian Teaching Mission found itself cooperating also with another department, the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education, in the preparation during the year of a set of turn-over charts, which are already proving to be of inestimable help in expediting training of leaders in the seminars of the Mission. Edward L. Gebhard carried this responsibility through to completion, with the effective help of Ralph M. Holdeman of the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical and United Brethren Church.

The National Conference on Making the Adult Class Vital planned for this summer and the Conference on Young Adult Work planned for the summer of 1952 will do much for the strengthening of our programs of adult work, as will the six regional summer conferences on parent education planned for this summer.

The Committee on Religious Education of Children is perfecting methods of providing for the participation of national children's workers in laboratory schools. Executives and other representatives of state councils are being drawn into this preliminary planning. Careful study is being made by the Committee on Religious Education of Children of the training needs of youth who are working with children. A pamphlet, *They Asked Me to Teach*, to be based upon a series appearing in the *International Journal*, will be a useful tool for the education of those who are just beginning their teaching experience.

The Joint Committee on Education for Lay and Professional Christian Service, in which the International Council, the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, and the American Association of Theological

Schools have participated, is helping to guide a study made by college faculties as to what constitutes a Christian college. Representatives of the participating colleges were scheduled to meet in Atlantic City this last month. It is hoped that one of the results of the study will be the perfecting of plans whereby a more effective leadership for our churches may come from our church-related colleges.

The National Christian Teaching Mission has steadily increased the effectiveness of its leadership education work. Fifteen hours of intensive seminar work in forty-nine Missions provided 2,153 ministers with a post-graduate course in educational evangelism. The NCTM stands on the threshold of even greater developments. We are fortunate that in the Joint Department of Evangelism it will continue to be directed by Harry H. Kalas, who hopes, as does Reuben H. Mueller, the Chairman of the National Christian Teaching Mission Committee, that it will become an effective instrument in our total program of leadership education.

A number of the National Council family participated in the leadership of the Toronto Institute, sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education. This three-week period of intensive work was a most rewarding leadership education experience for those who attended from the United States and Canada. Americans received much from the 230 Christian education leaders from fifty-two countries. We believe the American and Canadian contribution to the work of the Institute was also important.

V. DIRECT SERVICES TO THE LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Only a small part of the total services of the International Council are extended directly to local churches. In almost all instances, the local church will receive much more effective assistance from its denominational headquarters, its denominational field staff, and the local or state council of churches.

Wherever possible the International Council seeks to work with local councils of churches with the knowledge of and clearances with the state council of churches where there is such an organized body. The harmonious relationships which have historically prevailed between the International Council and its member state councils of churches will continue, we trust, between these same state councils and the new Division of Christian Education, of which they will continue to be constituent members. The local councils of churches will continue to receive assistance, as they may desire such help, from the staff of the Division of Christian Education.

During the year, twenty-four state councils and fifty-nine city councils have had visits from the Director of Field Administration. A total of forty-five states and 247 local councils have been visited during the year by one or more staff members of the Council.

The field staffs or the national headquarters of twenty denominations have been visited by one or more staff members of the Council, usually upon invitation for consultation on a specific program or problem.

A development of ecumenical caravans or deputation teams is a movement which may prove to be of considerable significance in youth work. These groups of carefully selected young people have received specific training in organizing local youth councils. The United Christian Youth

Movement staff has visited a number of state and city councils preparing them for such training sessions.

A work camp, sponsored jointly with the Home Missions Council and assisted by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, was held during the summer in the East Harlem Protestant Parish of New York City. It is hoped that there will be several of these work camps during the coming summer.

The Director of the Department of Vacation Religious Education, because of the community sponsorship of many vacation church schools, reaches directly more local communities than do some other members of the staff. During 1950 Miss Murphy served in seventeen city and county conferences and in four state meetings, meeting directly thirty-seven vacation religious education committees. She has met with twelve state committees, perfecting plans with them for the observance of the fiftieth anniversary. A two-day local training conference in Mobile, Alabama, included three sessions each of demonstration classes for four departments.

Dr. Shaver held more than a hundred consultations with weekday leaders during the year, either on the field or in Chicago, and personally visited sixteen local weekday systems in 1950. Weekday school workers in thousands of communities look to Dr. Shaver not only for competent administrative leadership and understanding counselling, but also as a warm friend who has a genuine personal interest in the welfare of their local systems.

The Curriculum Guide for the Local Church, approved and issued in 1945, has been widely used in many ways, including use by persons studying and guiding local church educational programs. The revisions made this year and the issuance of the new edition will greatly increase its usefulness.

Since the National Christian Teaching Mission began, 3,858 local congregations have participated in its program, and a population of 10,816,000 has been covered. At least 8,000 teaching, service, and fellowship groups have been enlisted in educational evangelism. As a result of the spring and fall missions, 142,501 unchurched persons were discovered and placed on responsibility lists.

The publicity materials for the three International Council annual observances have been provided by the Department of Public Relations: Youth Week, National Family Week, and Religious Education Week. A six-page resource folder, press releases, feature articles, radio spot announcements, and other materials were provided for the community observance of these three weeks. During the year, 1,507 releases were sent out by the department to a total number of 124,933 publications. In 1950 there were additional efforts on behalf of the Toronto meetings and the Cleveland Constituting Convention.

John C. Trever has been granted a six-months' leave of absence, which began on October 15, for the purpose of intensive research on the Dead Sea Scrolls. By the end of September, however, he had travelled more than 30,000 miles to deliver almost two hundred addresses to a combined total of about 35,000 listeners. These addresses were in the interest of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Dr. Trever is finding a sustained interest in the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament and an attitude of expectancy on the part of people in all communions and of every shade of conviction about the Bible, looking forward to the appearance of the complete Bible in September 1952.

VI. FIELD ADMINISTRATION

The field outreach of the International Council is coordinated and directed by the Department of Field Administration. That department estimates that during 1950 the staff members of the Council made 5,484 field session contacts, with a total of 391,390 person contacts. Approximately 957,234 miles were travelled by the staff of the Council as they went about their tasks, which took them to every section of the United States and to many cities and towns in Canada.

The three regional offices in Springfield, Massachusetts; Atlanta, Georgia and Fort Worth, Texas, the first sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the second and third by the Inter-Council Field Department, have performed a valuable ministry in bringing the work of our cooperative Protestant forces to the attention of leaders in the cities and states of those regions. We accepted with deep regret the resignation of William Greer Fisher, who had served as the Director of the Springfield Regional UCYM Office. He takes with him to his new work as minister of education in the great Trinity Methodist Church at Springfield, Massachusetts, our sincere good wishes. We regret that we have not been able to find the necessary financial support for a continuation of more than minimal services in Springfield. The departure of Forrest Weir from the Atlanta office to become the General Secretary of the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches leaves us without the services of this trusted and competent administrator. We are looking forward to an equally effective association in the Atlanta office with the Reverend Ernest J. Arnold, known to many of us as the former Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The part-time services of Professor Harry C. Munro with the Southwestern Inter-Council Office at Fort Worth have turned out, as we all expected they would, to be the equivalent of the full-time services of almost any other person. We are pleased with the prospects for the Southwestern Convocation scheduled for mid-April. We are sure this convocation will give a great impetus to the cooperative movement in the southwestern states, just as the first and second convocations in Atlanta did for the southeastern states.

For the first time this year the Director of Vacation Religious Education was able to meet with the vacation school committee for the Southeastern Regional Office and with the committee of the Canadian Council of Churches on vacation school work.

A corps of forty-four persons widely distributed over the nation is used in the promotion and direction of the National Christian Teaching Mission. Especially productive relationships developed this year in Montana and in Pennsylvania.

A significant field emphasis has developed in connection with the Leadership Education Audio-Visuals. Twenty regional institutes were held in the fall of 1950, with more than one thousand persons attending. The two purposes of these institutes were to help selected persons to strengthen leadership education through audio-visuals and to plan for follow-up institutes. As a result, plans have been launched for well over two hundred such area and community institutes to be held in the winter and spring of 1951.

We are happy that, in the New Central Department of Field Administration in the National Council, Christian education will have an important role. Mr. Ketcham will be located in Chicago and will have, in addition to general responsibilities for the Central Department, the specific tasks of administering the field outreach of the Division of Christian Education.

VII. KEEPING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RELATED TO OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE CHURCH

In a sense, the heading of this section of the report is almost the theme song for the entire year 1950. As has been often and truly observed, the major share of the time of the General Secretary has been focused right on this point. As a result we saw at the Cleveland Constituting Convention how strategic a place Christian education occupies in the life and thinking of the new National Council of Churches.

It may be said elsewhere but it should also be said here that staff members of the Division of Christian Education are grateful for the leadership of the General Secretary of the National Council, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, and the interest of its President, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill. Dr. Cavert keeps in close touch with the Division of Christian Education both directly and through Dr. Ross. The members of the Committee on the Graded Series are looking forward to a visit with him at their committee meeting at Buck Hill Falls next month. Bishop Sherrill on February 1 spent the entire day in Chicago with the Chicago members of the staff of the Division. The staff greatly appreciated this evidence of interest and concern from Bishop Sherrill.

During the year the happy relationships with the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council continued as the International Council and the Department of Evangelism jointly administered the National Christian Teaching Mission. We are happy that similar, though not identical, arrangements have been worked out for its continued guidance. Closer relationships were worked out with the Committee for Cooperative Field Research and with the Committee on Town and Country.

The Joint Committee on Education for Lay and Professional Christian Service has continued its work and will be sponsored in the future by the Commission on General Christian Education, the Commission on Christian Higher Education, and the American Association of Theological Schools.

The General Secretary, Dr. Ross, represented the International Council at the meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Toronto.

Because of the formation of the National Council of Churches, a conference of U.S.A. member churches of the World Council of Churches may make some readjustments in the membership of the conference and in the executive committee. The Associate General Secretary in Educational Program served as a member of both these bodies and attempted to bring to the International Council of Religious Education some of the developments in the World Council of Churches. We are happy that the second Assembly scheduled for the late summer of 1953 will be held in the United States at Evanston, Illinois.

Concerns for children formerly carried by the Inter-Agency Committee

on Child Welfare will in the future be carried partly by the Department of Children's Work, partly by the Coordinating Committee on Children's Work, partly by the Department of Welfare and partly by other units of the National Council.

Dr. Shaver played a leading role in a national conference of church and public school leaders held in New York last February, jointly sponsored by the social action agencies of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

The relatively new emphasis upon mass communications remains to be seriously explored by the Christian church. Our Department of Public Relations has provided a useful service in preparing a selected bibliography for church leaders in the field of communications.

The plans for the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance, moving ahead steadily through the year, are evidence of the genuine desire which the Council has to help the Bible speak with clarity and power. The collaboration of Biblical scholars and religious education specialists has been helpful as the work of the translating committee has moved ahead and the tasks of the various Observance subcommittees have progressed. How fortunate we have been to have had the continuing leadership of Dr. Weigle in the first enterprise and the imaginative and energetic leadership of Philip C. Landers in the second!

Those who have become interested in religious drama as a means of Christian education have appreciated greatly the leadership of the International Council in establishing and carrying on the Religious Drama Workshop. A continuing committee was appointed by the 1950 Workshop, headed by Miss Reece Hearn, Director of Religious Drama at the First Methodist Church of Houston. The counsel of this advisory committee has been valuable as the International Council committee has made plans for the 1951 Workshop.

The Committee on Religious Education of Children has had a number of requests before it, giving evidence of the desire of other church leaders working with children to secure the best thinking of directors of children's work. The Home Missions Council brought to CREC a statement of some of its leadership needs in work with migrant children. The Association of Childhood Education International has been conferring with leaders of CREC looking forward to the possible publication of a junior song book. A producer of religious records for children has asked to work with CREC members through the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education. Editors of the recently launched newspaper, the *Protestant World*, and a committee of CREC are meeting informally to review plans for a proposed section for children in the newspaper. Closer collaboration is contemplated in the production of puppet films by the Protestant Radio Commission with representative leaders of CREC.

All these developments have helped to make sure that Christian education is intimately related to all other phases of the church's ministry.

VIII. COOPERATION WITH EXTRA-CHURCH CHARACTER-BUILDING AGENCIES

We are gratified that more and more the character-building agencies of the nation not under church sponsorship are looking to the official edu-

cational forces of Protestantism for collaboration and guidance. It would be hard to list the number of calls that were made on the staff of the International Council during the past year, almost all of which requests were of more than usual importance.

One of the most effective contacts, of course, was the convening in early December at the call of the President of the United States of the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth. The services of Dr. Luther A. Weigle on the National Planning Committee and the work of Dr. Mary Alice Jones as a temporary member of the fact-finding staff made possible a generous inclusion of religious interests in the preliminary studies of the White House Conference. Miss Helen F. Spaulding responded to an emergency plea and spent several days in Washington incorporating into the documents factual material which had been quickly provided by many of our member boards.

Denominational directors of children's work and other leaders of children's work gave a large share of their time during the year to planning for the conference and in participating in its leadership. Upon their shoulders will also rest a large measure of responsibility for carrying out its conclusions. Mrs. Alice L. Goddard attended many sessions during 1950 of the Council on Participation of National Organizations in this conference.

The findings and recommendations of the White House Conference, together with the preliminary study material, will repay careful reading. We are grateful for the specific and clear-cut references in these documents to religious faith and to religious forces. We regret that from our point of view some of the findings were unnecessarily watered down in deference to those who could not support clear-cut theistic references. We trust that the printed reports of the Conference will faithfully portray the large amount of religious interest and religious concern expressed by the rank and file of the delegates to the Conference.

The members of the United Christian Youth Movement played a conspicuous and able role at the White House Conference, demonstrating a mature understanding.

The four special numbers of the *International Journal*, Christian Education Around the World, Religious Education in Canada, The Church's Opportunity in Family Education, and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement, provided opportunities for relating Christian education to the church's interest in missionary education, foreign missions, home missions, family education, and summertime opportunities.

An increasingly effective collaboration is continuing between the representatives of church camping as they work through the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences and the leaders of the American Camping Association.

During the year the Director of Weekday Religious Education has given considerable attention to the relation of religion and public education. The Associate General Secretary in Educational Program has had a number of interviews with public education leaders and with several members of the staff of the National Education Association. Dr. Shaver also prepared statements on weekday religious education and on Protestant parochial schools which were used as resource materials at the White House Con-

ference. Youth leaders have strengthened their relationships with the character-building agencies associated with them in the United Christian Youth Movement: the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of U.S.A., and the Camp Fire Girls.

Producers of visual education equipment and producers of educational films have come to realize that their most effective contact with the educational forces of the Protestant churches are through the International Council's Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education. Because the Board of Trustees has carefully worked out procedures whereby collaboration is to be carried on, the department has had provided for it clearly understood policies. In this, as in many other ways, the influence of the Committee on Audio-Visual Education Policies, headed by Dr. Paul H. Vieth, continues to be felt.

IX. CREATING A PUBLIC OPINION FAVORABLE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As in the past, we have looked primarily to the Department of Public Relations to create a public opinion favorable to our program. News releases, feature stories, and syndicated articles have proved to be effective. Endorsements of Religious Education Week were secured from the President of the United States and from twenty governors. A new resource packet provided twenty-three pieces of material. Again, as in other years, National Family Week was endorsed by President Truman. National Youth Week in 1950 had as its theme, "God Designs—Youth Build," the materials for which were prepared by a representative UCYM committee. Valuable assistance was given this year by the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education in providing radio outlets.

The Parshad Youth Week Award is much more than a public relations device. It is a genuine service to Christian youth. This year there was an increase in the number of entries. Some additional college scholarships were secured from state councils of churches. The United Christian Youth Movement, including the many fine young people who have received Parshad Awards, owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Avery.

Regional awards were presented in impressive ceremonies held this year at seven regional conferences. The two national awards were presented to Miss Carol Hoff and Mr. Charles Wilson by Mr. Avery himself at the Sixth Annual Parshad Banquet at the Central Regional Conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in a deeply moving recognition service.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement has focused attention upon this half-century celebration and is helping to create a public opinion favorable to the total program of Christian education.

During the year 1950 there has been less national publicity given to the legal aspects of the weekday program, though local news accounts in the church press still appear and still find a ready reading response. While it is difficult to analyze accurately trends in public opinion relating to weekday religious education, we feel that the opposition to weekday religious education on released time is lessening. During the year, two large denominations, the American Baptist Convention and the Congregational Christian Churches, passed resolutions strongly supporting weekday reli-

gious education, thus bringing to six the national denominational bodies which have formulated such statements since the Supreme Court decision in the Champaign case. The new filmstrip, *Remember the Weekday to Teach Religion Thereon*, has been completed and has had its premier here at Columbus during the February meetings. The presence at the 1950 annual meeting of one of the famous Fort Wayne mobile classrooms effectively publicized the ingenuity and courage of weekday workers in that city. It was frequently photographed. Many stories with nation-wide coverage were written about it.

The syndication of lesson treatments to daily and weekly newspapers has continued its valuable service in bringing discussions of the Uniform Lessons to newspaper readers. At the end of 1950, eighty-one dailies, with a circulation of 1,907,895, were using the Roy L. Smith column and eleven were using "Sidewalk Sermons." At that time there were more than 1700 weekly papers carrying the series written by Kenneth J. Foreman, "The Bible Speaks." During the year, the first of four payments were returned to the original underwriters of the projects and the second payments were scheduled for January of 1951.

X. COOPERATING IN THE WORLD TASK OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MOVEMENT

Many members of the staff gave a substantial portion of their time during the first eight months of the year to the series of meetings held at Toronto under the auspices of the World Council of Christian Education and to associated International Council meetings. John B. Ketcham, Pearl Rosser, Lemuel Petersen, and Margaret Lawson carried the heavier burdens. The Associate General Secretary in Educational Program taught in the three-week Institute and a number of the members of the staff participated in the programs of the Convention. There were many members of the International Council family who participated in the Assembly of the World Council of Christian Education, with Dr. Weigle, Dr. David Forsyth, and Dr. Ross carrying important committee and board responsibilities. The Quadrennial Convention held a successful Tuesday afternoon session, re-electing its president, Harold E. Stassen, and electing or re-electing a group of twenty vice presidents. During these days the Second International Conference on Children's Work was held, and the Youth Department Committee of the World Council of Churches and the World Council of Christian Education held its sessions in an adjacent city. At the request of the Assembly of the World Council of Christian Education, Dr. Weigle and Dr. Ross are to attend a meeting of a special committee to work out administrative policies to meet in London in the early fall.

The relationship of the United Christian Youth Movement with the Youth Departments of the World Council of Churches and the World Council of Christian Education continues to be very close. The meeting of the Youth Section of the World Convention at Toronto was especially helpful to its participants, and the leadership of American youth was greatly appreciated. Negotiations between the United Christian Youth Movement and the International Society of Christian Endeavor have continued, and a basic statement is being presented to the Commission on General Christian Education at this meeting. A significant development

in the social education field during the year has been the formation of a Commission on World Youth Projects. Concerned with the world outreach of the UCYM, this Commission will formulate its specific programs of aid to ecumenical youth work around the world. The special issue of the *International Journal* on "Christian Education Around the World" was prepared with the cooperation of the Missionary Education Movement and the World Council of Christian Education. Contacts have been made by our Department of Weekday Religious Education through the World Council of Christian Education with a group of teachers of religion related to the state schools in Germany who have desired fellowship and exchange of experience with similar groups in the United States. Materials have been sent. Additional contacts for them are being opened up.

The Call to United Christian Youth Action will provide a great opportunity for youth in America to make a direct contribution to the lives of youth in other lands. The list of projects in the world service aspects of the Call are: an exchange of leaders, work camps, provision for youth leaders, and religious service to members in the armed forces.

The curriculum outlines which have come from both the Committee on the Graded Series and the Committee on the Uniform Series this year make provision for frequent emphasis upon the world task of the Christian church. Ecumenical emphases are made, and stress is laid upon the missionary outreach of the church. The Director of the Department of Curriculum Development carries considerable correspondence with missionaries, with many requests relayed to her from the World Council of Christian Education. Uniform Lesson Outlines are provided to selected Christian workers on every continent, in cooperation with the World Council of Christian Education and some denominational educational boards, and are then translated into several languages.

You will understand, of course, that in this brief survey of program items, it is possible to list only a few of the activities administered on your behalf by the departments and committees of the Council. You will want to read leisurely and thoughtfully the reports of the committees and the reports of the departments as they are printed in the 1951 and last official *Yearbook* of the International Council. I believe your reaction will be one of grateful appreciation for what your Council has been able to do during this calendar year. I believe it is true that, as the apostolic church confronted its own age, the International Council of Religious Education, in the last year of its official history, ministered to our confused, fearful, and often pagan citizens, "faithfully, fearlessly, and flexibly."

There is much in the record of the year, much in the record of the twenty-eight years, which we wish might have been more effective and influential. But for what we have been able to accomplish we give thanks to God. We turn our faces toward the tasks of the years awaiting us in the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The years ahead may not be easy for American and Canadian Christians. They may be tragic. But as we move ahead to face them, the words of the old hymn come to our minds,

"Lead on, O King Eternal:
We follow, not with fears."

General Administrative Report

SECTION III. A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS, AND PERSONNEL



THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT started out with a reference to the prophecy that "we are entering a momentous year in the life of American Protestantism." As we look back over the record of that year we recognize now the true significance of such a statement. It has been a momentous year in world-shaking events which have challenged the best which Christian men and women could give; in an apparent deepening of Christian faith as evidenced in increased church attendance; and in the completion of plans for the constituting of the National Council of Churches, which represents the practical means by which church people can together assist in advancing the cause of Jesus Christ throughout our nation and world.

As we here outline briefly the organizational and business aspects of the International Council of Religious Education for the year 1950, it is our hope that they always will be viewed as means to the end of working with God in the advancement of his Kingdom among men rather than ends in themselves.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The detailed organizational actions are recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and of *The Council*. Brief mention may well be made here, however, of some of the more significant developments.

On February 12, 1944, the International Council took action approving the report of the Committee on Further Procedure, which contained a proposal for the formation of a National Council of Churches. In February, 1950, *The Council* reaffirmed this decision and took final and official action to unite with other national interdenominational agencies in the formation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America to be organized through a constituting convention scheduled for November 28-December 2, 1950. Following this action on the part of *The Council*, all organizational matters were considered as steps toward the merger.

The International Council of Religious Education had operated through the years under the charter name, "International Sunday School Association." On the advice of legal counsel, it was voted that the International Council should continue as a legal entity to carry forward such business as might need to be transacted through the old corporation.

While it was the desire of *The Council* to preserve any assets which legally had been related to the old corporation, it was also its desire to transfer all resources not legally restricted to the new Division of Christian Education. As a means of furthering this purpose, the Division of Christian Education was incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and

action was taken by *The Council* in November, 1950, looking toward the transfer in February, 1951, of all funds and properties of the International Council to the new corporation, in so far as this is legally permissible.

The by-laws of the International Council were revised and approved in a special meeting of *The Council* held on November 29, 1950, to provide that its membership consist of those persons who shall serve as members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education.

Contracts, policies, and authorizations which had been voted by the International Council were transferred to the new Division of Christian Education to be carried forward by the Division until such time as they could be reworded and adopted formally by the Division. All program activities were likewise transferred to the Division.

This brief description of some of the organizational developments of the past year in no way indicates the days and weeks which have been given to working out detailed resolutions, statements of policy, and new forms of agreements. To those who have given of their time and energy to this work there has come a sense of satisfaction born of the belief that they were helping to dignify the work of the church by putting its business operations on a sound and respectable basis. It has been the hope of the officers and staff of the International Council that such careful planning would make it possible for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be heard and heeded by many not now reached by the churches working separately.

II. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

At the beginning of 1950, the International Council faced the necessity of discovering several new members for important positions in the Council staff. Most of these positions were filled during the year so that, at the time of transfer to the new Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, most of the work of the Council was under the leadership of men and women who, because of their experience and commitment, had the necessary qualifications for making a significant contribution to Christian education.

A. New Staff Personnel

The Reverend A. Wilson Cheek came to the staff of the Council as Director of the Department of Young People's Work and Executive Secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement on September 1, 1950. He succeeded Dr. Isaac K. Beckes who resigned on June 1, 1950, to accept the position as President of Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana.

The Reverend Mr. Cheek came to this position out of a rich background of training and experience in youth work and in the total program of the church. Since 1947, Mr. Cheek had served as National Director of Youth Work with the Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. As a representative of his denomination he had been an active member of the youth work committee of the International Council of Religious Education and the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement.

Mr. Cheek received his A.B. degree from Catawba College, Salisbury,

North Carolina, in 1936 and his B.D. degree from the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1939.

Before going to the position with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Mr. Cheek held several pastorates in North Carolina. In each of these positions he demonstrated significant leadership ability in youth work and community service.

Dr. Virgil E. Foster began his work as Editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education* on November 1, 1950. He succeeded Dr. Percy R. Hayward, who retired from the staff as active Editor of the *International Journal* on December 31, 1949. Dr. Hayward has been continued on the staff as Editor Emeritus of the *Journal* as a recognition of the significant contribution which he has made through the years.

Dr. Foster came to the position as Editor with a rich background of experience growing out of service as a director of Christian education in the local church and as a field director for the Congregational Christian Churches. He directed the educational work at the Bryn Mawr Community Church of Chicago from 1926 to 1936, the Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis from 1936 to 1943, and the Second Church (Congregational) of Newton, Massachusetts, from 1943 to 1946. From 1946 until the time of his call to the International Council of Religious Education, he was Director of Religious Education for the Congregational Christian Conference of Iowa.

Dr. Foster is a graduate of Tabor College, of Tabor, Iowa, and holds the M.A. degree from the University of Chicago and the B.D. degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary. In June, 1950, the Chicago Theological Seminary granted him the degree of Doctor of Divinity as a recognition of outstanding Christian service.

The Reverend H. Leroy Brininger came to the staff of the International Council of Religious Education on December 1, 1950, as Director of Educational Promotion. Mr. Brininger took over responsibilities which formerly had been carried by the Reverend Philip C. Landers in the matter of the promotion of such major activities as the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance, sustaining memberships, and newspaper lesson syndication. Mr. Brininger also will give time to assisting the directors of regular program departments of the new Division of Christian Education in the promotion of their field activities and thus help to guarantee an effective working relationship between the national staff of the Division of Christian Education and the state and city councils in serving the needs of people in local communities.

Mr. Brininger had been Director of Leadership Education and Church School Administration for the Pennsylvania State Council of Christian Education since 1947. He had also taken a large responsibility for the promotion of the National Christian Teaching Mission in Pennsylvania and had developed for himself a name in this regard as one of the fine leaders across the country.

Mr. Brininger is a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and had been pastor in Mount Holly and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For four years he was

Director of Public Relations of Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, of which college he is an alumnus.

Mr. Bringer received his B.D. degree from the seminary connected with Albright College and the S.T.M. degree from Temple University, Philadelphia. Just before being called to the International Council of Religious Education, Albright College gave him a special recognition because of significant service.

The Reverend Paul H. King was appointed to the position of Associate Director of Leadership Education and Church School Administration before the end of 1950 but did not begin his actual service until early in January, 1951. Mr. King came to the staff as an associate to the Reverend Lee J. Gable, with the responsibility of assisting Mr. Gable on both national planning and field service.

Mr. King had served as minister of religious education at the Lakewood, Ohio, Methodist Church since 1946. He came to this church from the First Methodist Church of Hartford, Connecticut, where he served as student assistant and associate minister for five years.

Mr. King graduated from Waynesboro College with the class of 1940 and holds the B.D. degree from Hartford Theological Seminary and the M.A. degree from Hartford School of Religious Education.

Mr. King is well acquainted with the work of the International Council of Religious Education, since he had served as the acting dean of the Directors' Workshop and, just before coming to the International Council staff, was chairman of the Directors' Associated Section.

B. Leave of Absence

Dr. John C. Trever, Director of the Department of English Bible, was granted a leave of absence for six months, from October 15, 1950, to April 15, 1951, to carry on further studies in connection with the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls. Dr. Trever had become quite well known as the person who early recognized the authenticity of certain recently discovered Dead Sea scrolls, including the oldest manuscript on the Book of Isaiah. Dr. Trever wanted to continue his studies in this field, and arrangements were made for a six months' leave of absence so that he could carry on special research both in America and England.

Besides Dr. Trever's work with the Dead Sea scrolls, he has made a real contribution to the religious education program of the churches through his interpretation of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. He spent a good share of his time in the field giving lectures and conducting conferences on the Bible, and it is planned that he will be available for a continuation of this service after returning from this leave of absence.

C. Resignations

The Reverend Robert Tesdell left the staff of the United Christian Youth Movement to become executive of a large inter-agency travel bureau located in New York. Mr. Tesdell had been with the United Christian Youth Movement for a number of years and had primary

responsibility for social education seminars and youth work camps. Two years ago, he made a trip around the world in the interest of youth work camps. His wide experience with the UCYM and his understanding of the work camp situation in various parts of the world made him ably fitted for this new position. A word of appreciation goes to Mr. Tesdell as he enters this new field of service for his fine spirit and leadership in the work of the United Christian Youth Movement.

The Reverend William Greer Fisher resigned in the fall of 1950 as Director of the Eastern Regional Office of the United Christian Youth Movement to become minister of education in the Trinity Methodist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Fisher had developed a fine program of cooperation in the field of youth service in a short period of time. His high type Christian personality and his ability to challenge others to share in the cooperative work of the churches had won him the respect both of young people and their adult leaders. He will be greatly missed as a member of the staff of the UCYM.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

At the close of 1949 the Council reported that it had completed one of the most difficult years of its history from the standpoint of financial promotion. At the beginning of 1950, there appeared to be some easing of financial difficulties, but, before many months had passed, two elements entered into the situation to make the work of financing a large enterprise, such as the Council, quite difficult. One was the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, with the uncertainty on the part of many people as to the future. The other was the necessity for considerable time to be given to the planning of the financial structure of the new National Council of Churches by members of our executive staff who carried financial responsibility. This latter took a large amount of time on the part of such staff members as Roy G. Ross, Philip C. Landers, Richard B. Smith, and Norman E. Tompkins—all of whom were related to the financing processes of the International Council of Religious Education. Even with the added responsibility, however, we are able to report an income for the International Council for 1950 considerably in excess of that received in any previous year.

A. Source of Income

During the year 1950, the Council received regular gifts from 2,925 individuals, corporations, foundations, and local churches. This compares with a similar figure of 2,574 for 1949.

Denominational giving in 1950 totaled \$91,565.26, which was an increase of \$10,340.71 over 1949. One hundred state, provincial, city, and county councils contributed a total of \$6,361.79 in 1950 as compared with \$6,434.57 in 1949.

B. A Comparison of Totals

It is always interesting to study the totals of income and expense as those totals reflect growth over a period of years. The financial growth of the Council has been notable during the last ten years.

The following comparison will give some picture as to what has happened during this period.

CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

	1941	1949	1950
Total Income	\$165,588.98*	\$552,093.51	\$711,669.66 (non-audited figure)
Total Expense	\$166,165.51*	\$550,768.20	\$704,087.10 (non-audited figure)

C. Investments

On authorization of the Board of Trustees, certain securities of the International Council were sold to provide for previously contemplated adjustments in pension provisions for members of the staff and to cover some of the expense involved in the inauguration of the new National Council of Churches.

D. Pensions

During the past ten years, the pension provisions of the International Council have been gradually improved with the thought that, if possible, the pension benefits to those who have been in the employ of the Council for a number of years should be brought up to the present standard. This adjustment had been partially made several years ago, but there was still one additional step to be taken to make it retroactive for those employees who had served the Council prior to the inauguration of the pension plan. It was the judgment of the Board of Trustees that such an adjustment should be made during the last year of the International Council and that it would be wise to make it out of some of the reserves which had been accumulated during the years of leadership of these staff members.

E. Properties

The Council operates two camp properties: Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire; and Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Both of these camps completed a successful year with satisfactory attendance, all bills paid, and money available for minor improvements.

Both camps have been fortunate in the leadership of their camp managers, Mr. R. H. Gocker at Conference Point Camp, and Mr. Norman H. Abbott at Winnepesaukee. These men and their wives, who have assisted them, have contributed greatly to the improvement of these camps by their efficient management and their gracious service to all who attend conferences.

IV. A CLOSING WORD

It is gratifying to be able to review the yearbooks of the International Council of Religious Education and to see on their pages the records of Christian vision, program achievements, and wise business procedures.

* Real income, including deferred income, exceeded expenditures for this year.

This record is a tribute to those leaders from our member denominations and state councils and those staff executives who have contributed their best to this agency of Christian education.

As the heritage of the past is now transferred to the new Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, may it be enriched by new and larger experiences of Christian service and may the results of the careful planning of the years bring about even more efficient and effective cooperation in the Christian enterprise in the future.

Reports of Program Departments and Committees

Adult Work and Family Education

Department of Adult Work and Family Education

BESIDES administering the two major committees—the Committee on Religious Education of Adults and the Committee on Education for Christian Family Life—the department has given direction to several projects of considerable significance.

The Protestant promotion of National Family Week was coordinated by the department. A number of interfaith features were arranged.

A National Conference on Education of Christian Parents was held at Lake Geneva to develop a correlated interdenominational-denominational strategy.

Special study groups were created to make analyses of adult religious needs in specific areas of adult activity.

An experimental National Christian Teaching Mission was conducted jointly with the Department of Educational Evangelism in Minneapolis, Minnesota to determine the extent to which family fellowship might be utilized in fellowship cultivation and evangelism.

The Adult Work and Pastors' Associated Sections are related administratively to the Department of Adult Work and Family Education. Both of these had phases of their program which continued throughout the year.

Consultations on adult work and family education were held in cooperation with seven state councils. Five city church federations and three national denominational staffs were served through similar consultations.



Director

Committee on Religious Education of Adults

The Committee on the Religious Education of Adults is proud to present a report of plans and activities largely completed but which in their completion have opened new opportunities for broader planning and larger usefulness.

A CYCLE OF NATIONAL INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUMMER CONFERENCES

1. The committee has sought steadily to clarify the specific functions and contributions of the interdenominational national adult conferences. The conclusion has been reached that the interdenominational conferences could be of most service by attempting specific strategy planning in one or another of the areas of special need or opportunity in adult work.

2. The cycle of national interdenominational adult conferences projected is as follows:

1950—Conference on Education of Christian Parents

1951—Conference on Making the Adult Class Vital

1952—Conference on Education for Christian Maturity (Young Adult)

1953—Conference on the Church and Older Adults

1954—Conference on Laymen and the Church

1955—Conference on the Adult Christian and His Work

3. The first of these, the National Conference on Education of Christian Parents, was held at Conference Point Camp, Lake Geneva, July 16-23, 1950. Seventeen denominations were officially represented. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ and the United Council of Church Women and the International Council of Religious Education were represented by both staff and national committee personnel. Several national agencies serving the families on the community basis also cooperated in the Conference at certain points. A thirty-two page interpretative digest of the Conference was published under the title *Education for Christian Parents in America*.

DEVELOPMENT OF DYNAMIC ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Organizationally, adult religious education has become stereotyped. In content it is largely static. The members of CREA during 1950 have majored in the attempt to develop a concept of religious education that would recognize the developmental character of adult life. Believing that the adult religious needs usually emerge in the experiences of adults as they function in various areas of mature life, CREA has attempted to discover the emergent needs of adults in six functional areas. It would be premature to report findings on the basis of this one year of research. The committee itself, however, has had a very fruitful experience in the attempt to analyze adult religious education from its functional relation to churchmanship, family life, work and recreation.

LEARNING FOR LIFE INSTITUTIONAL ADAPTATION

The Learning for Life Study Program is the series of elective courses recommended for use by adult groups in specific areas of Christian education. In cooperation with the chaplains of the prison at San Quentin, California, these courses have become the curriculum in the School of Religion in the prison. Five quarters of work have been completed. More than 1300 men have been enrolled. At the request of the chaplains, a Certificate of Recognition was developed by CREA to be presented at the conclusion of a course of study. This recognition is given in the name of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches

and the area council of churches where that council is cooperating in the project.

The venture has been so successful in the California institution that inquiries have been received from more than twenty-five other penal institutions in the United States. Adaptations of the program are being made in those institutions. While this adaptation has been made to prison life, other adaptations of the Learning for Life Study Program are possible to serve adults in homes and in industrial plants.

COOPERATION OF CREA WITH STATE, COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILS OF CHURCHES IN ADULT WORK CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES

During 1950, members of CREA cooperated with the respective committees in area councils in sponsoring conferences on: Young Adult Work, Community Program for Adults, and Parent Education. These conferences were held in Nebraska, Kansas, Southern California, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. They were attended by more than 12,000 persons—1700 of whom were parents; 600, local church leaders; 300, church leaders responsible for groups of churches. Ten members of CREA participated in one or more of the conferences.

AUDIO-VISUALS FOR THE FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

During 1950, in cooperation with CREA, Projected Books prepared two microfilm "books" for use with the Projected Books equipment to enable that ingenious program to offer some material in religious education. The *Revised Standard Version New Testament* and *The King Nobody Wanted* are now available and may be projected upon the ceiling for reading by bed-fast children or adults.

CREA cooperated with the respective subcommittees of CGS and CUS in the development of outlines for a series of audio-visuals in the family life field.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS NEEDS OF ADULTS IN TIMES OF NATIONAL CRISES

CREA gave major consideration in its fall committee meetings to this topic. Several valuable program features have already been put in operation to implement the convictions and findings.

OSCAR J. RUMPF, *Chairman*

RICHARD E. LENTZ, *Secretary*

Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life

The Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life was constituted by the Council upon recommendation of the Joint Committee on the Christian Family. Its charter and the main lines of directive for its work were contained in the report to the Council of the Joint Committee on the Christian Family.

The Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life held its organizational meeting at Conference Point Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 20, 1950.

The main functions of the Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life appeared to the committee to be:

1. To provide machinery of cooperation between committees of the International Council in matters pertaining to education for Christian family life.
2. To facilitate the richest exchange among denominational agencies of plans and objectives within the area of education for Christian family life.
3. To serve as the agency of cooperation of the International Council with other agencies in the area of Christian family life.
4. To make available to the denominations, state and city councils of churches the resources of national agencies dealing with family life.
5. To encourage, review and correlate the family aspects of the programs of the committees of the International Council.
6. To develop a comprehensive, over-all program of education for Christian family life in the International Council which shall wherever possible be developed cooperatively with the existing program committees of the Council.

Careful study was given to the relationship of the Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life and the proposed Joint Department of Family Life in the forthcoming merger of denominational agencies to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The Committee was of the opinion that its special responsibilities would fall within the province of the Joint Department of Family Life, particularly its Subcommittee on Education for Christian Family Life.

The Administration Committee of the Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life brought to the Commission on Educational Program of the International Council of Religious Education a proposal that its assignment, with the results of the three year study by the Joint Committee on the Christian Family, be referred to the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America when that Joint Department should have been constituted. The Special Committee recommended further that it not be continued after the constitution of the Joint Department of Family Life. Both of these recommendations were approved by the Commission on Educational Program.

The Joint Department of Family Life was constituted in Cleveland, Ohio, November 26. At that time the Board of Managers of the Joint Department of Family Life voted to receive all material referred to it by the various units of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and to refer these materials to the respective subcommittees of the department for adequate study and implementation.

The Executive Committee of the Joint Department of Family Life met in New York City on January 12, 1951 and made careful plans to continue and extend the valuable work already begun by the Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life.

JOSEPH JOHN HANSON, *Chairman*

RICHARD E. LENTZ, *Executive Secretary*

Audio-Visual and Radio Education

Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education



IN ADDITION to the activities carried on through the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education, the department gave major attention to the cooperative field outreach in "Strengthening Leadership Education Through the Use of Audio-Visuals." The department supervised the setting up of twenty-two regional conferences for the purpose of training leaders to conduct area conferences. More than one thousand carefully selected leaders attended these regional conferences and planned for over four hundred area conferences to be held during the first six months of 1951. This project demonstrated the validity of planning production of audio-visuals completely related to an ongoing program, of providing adequately for the utilization of audio-visuals, and of training leaders to use them. This entire project was under the supervision of Dr. Elmer G. Million, Special Field Representative for the department.

The radio and television coverage of special events, such as National Youth Week, National Family Week, and Religious Education Week, was given major attention by the department. A word of appreciation should be recorded for the splendid cooperation of local and network radio and television stations.

The department served as the radio and television coordinator for the World Convention on Christian Education as it met in Toronto, and assisted the Protestant Radio Commission in the radio and television coverage of the organization of the National Council of Churches.

Director

Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education

The Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education held its longer session in Green Lake, Wisconsin, immediately following the Seventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education. A shorter session was held in Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, February 15, 1951. Through subcommittees the projects listed below were a part of the activities of the committee. There was a good attendance of members of the committee during the workshop and a representative group were able to remain throughout the sessions of the committee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1. *The Seventh International Workshop* in Audio-Visual Education was held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 28 through September 2, 1950. It

was characterized by the largest attendance and the increasing sense of confidence on the part of church leaders in their production and utilization of audio-visual materials. Two hundred ninety-eight delegates and approximately one hundred additional visitors came from thirty-three states, the District of Columbia, Canada, England, Germany, Mexico, Africa, India, the Philippines and Japan. Thirty denominations were represented. National denominational conferences were a significant part of the activity within the workshop as was also a conference for missionaries. The findings of the workshop have been published in a brochure, *Teach More—Faster!—Better!*. These findings have permanent value.

2. *The Eighth Workshop* is planned and the date approved by the Commission on Educational Program for September 2-8, 1951, at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Utilization will be the major concern of the workshop with a secondary although important emphasis upon production. There will be an especially significant work group for professional producers in which we shall take inventory of the past five years in audio-visual developments.

3. *Radio and television* continue to be a concern of the committee. Participation in workshops under the supervision of the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films will be a part of the activity of the committee. Radio and television coverage of special events as well as educational counselling in the development of programs and films for broadcasting are a part of the docket of the committee.

4. *The Visual Education Fellowship* has had a large spurt in membership. It now numbers thirteen hundred. It continues to serve the members with information concerning audio-visual developments as well as enlisting their assistance in advancing the understanding and use of audio-visuals.

5. *Research and Special Studies*. The comprehensive study of the use of films for the changing of attitudes nears completion. The findings will prove helpful for developing utilization guides. A second study in this field will reveal to us the situation with regard to the administration and program of audio-visual education in the denominations that participate in the Christian Education Division of the National Council. Professor Ernest C. Tiemann of the University of Indiana is conducting this study with the cooperation of the Department of Audio-Visual and the Department of Research of the Division. A next study has been outlined by the Committee as needed to determine the effect of the use of audio-visuals on grading in our church schools.

6. *The Third Production Conference* for collaboration in developing audio-visuals was held in Buck Hill Falls January 9-11, 1951. Thirteen denominations sent official delegates to participate in these discussions regarding needed productions and the degree to which various denominations would participate in them.

7. *Leadership cultivation* has been a major activity of the committee in cooperation with the Committee on Leadership Education. More than eighteen Regional Leadership Education Institutes were held in the United States and Canada for the purpose of training leaders to conduct area conferences. In these conferences they in turn are training local

church workers to know how to use the Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit. This was a very significant activity of both committees. In addition the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education has co-operated in the conduct of regional workshops in Texas and Indiana. Others are in the planning stage.

8. *Evaluation* continues to be a major activity of the committee and of the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education. *The Audio-Visual Resource Guide for Use in Religious Education* was published in its second edition August 15, 1950. It has had a wide circulation to date. It contains over five hundred evaluations of audio-visuals and through the work of fourteen committees in many different cities, there will be added approximately four hundred more for the next edition of the Guide. Monthly Evaluation Bulletins are released through the Visual Education Fellowship.

9. *Distribution*. Recognizing the Religious Film Association as the major distributor of religious materials, the committee nonetheless feels called upon to study and propose more effective means of distributing audio-visuals for educational uses. The Production Conference referred this subject to the committee with the suggestion that cooperation be secured from the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films of the National Council to arrange for a comprehensive review of the total audio-visual field.

10. *Integration* of audio-visuals in the curriculum of seminaries and colleges. The committee received recommendations from the workshop and felt called upon to implement them. With the combining of the National Council on Protestant Higher Education into the Division of Christian Education, there is every possibility now of close collaboration on this vital issue. It has already been brought to the attention of the Commission on Higher Education and definite action is foreseen in this area.

HOWARD E. TOWER, *Chairman*

PEARL ROSSER, *Secretary*

Children's Work

Department of Children's Work



THE DIRECTOR'S field work program during the year has been extensive, including leadership in laboratory schools and many other speaking and teaching engagements.

Considerable time has also been spent in integrating the work of the department with that of departments of the other agencies now a part of the National Council of Churches. The director has also served on boards and committees of some of these departments.

The work of the Department of Vacation Religious Education has been closely related, during the year, to that of the Children's Work Department. This has been done in preparation for the merger of the two departments with the forming of the National Council of Churches.

Appreciation is expressed to Mildred Widber who retires this year from the chairmanship of CREC. For six years she has given unusual service as chairman of the committee. The director and the committee feel a deep sense of gratitude to Miss Widber for her wise judgment and democratic leadership.



Director

Committee on Religious Education of Children

The Committee on Religious Education of Children met at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 2-5, 1950 and at Columbus on February 11-14, 1951. The deep feeling of friendship which exists in these committees was evident in the appreciation dinner given at Green Lake honoring Hazel Lewis, who is retiring after being a member of CREC since its formation and its chairman for many years. The October meeting was held jointly with the Committee on Vacation Religious Education.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WORK CONFERENCE

Among the outstanding events of the year was the International Children's Work Conference held in Toronto, Ontario, August 7-9, when 180 key children's workers from this country met with 70 leaders from other countries around the world, including Canada, to discuss our common concerns in children's work. As they listened to addresses on the meaning and message of the Christian faith for a world at conflict and discussed ways of helping children live according to this faith, participants in this conference were deeply impressed by the sense of fellowship, the depth of devotion to their Christian task, and the similarity of problems of children's workers everywhere. A sincere appreciation is felt for the National Committee on Children's Work of the Canadian Council of Churches, whose members cared for all local arrangements for this meeting.

CHILDREN'S WORK REGIONAL CONFERENCES

So that the thinking done during these three days may be carried to the local church and community, many of the key leaders who attended the Toronto meeting are assisting the Committee on Religious Education of Children in a series of thirty-six regional conferences, which were planned during 1950, but which will be held during 1951. The theme of these conferences is "Learning with Children to Live as Christians in One World."

MIDCENTURY WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

At least fifty Christian education workers among children attended the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, which was held in Washington, D. C., December 3-7. Many of these leaders are active in their own state or local committees. Research data was prepared by

the department and by denominations to be used in the conference findings. Throughout the year much has been done to assure participation of state councils of churches and other representatives of the church in the governors' committees responsible for planning the Midcentury White House Conference and for putting its findings into action. Many of these people who attended the White House Conference will continue to serve in the local situation, to promote the objectives of this conference, and to make the "Pledge of Children" which grew out of these meetings a reality. CREC is endeavoring in all of its work to implement the findings of this conference which pledged itself to children to "provide you with all opportunities possible to develop your own faith in God."

RELATIONSHIPS

This committee has cooperated in many ways with other church agencies. Among these are the World Council of Christian Education which sponsored the project, "Pictures for Children Everywhere." The contributions given by children and their leaders amount to over thirty thousand dollars.

Miss Edith Lowry of the Home Missions Council of North America was present for the October committee meeting, and outlined carefully some of the work done among the migrant children. Members of the committee agreed to help in the securing and training of leaders for summer work with these boys and girls, and a list of resource books has been provided for this task. Others of CREC have assisted on committees of Church World Service responsible for service projects by and for children.

Subcommittees of CREC on Evangelism and Christian Family Life met with representatives of these Joint Departments, as they were being organized, in order to relate the program for children in these two areas to the general plans. This relationship is to continue in order that there may be a unified program.

PRINTED MATERIALS

Several syndicated articles were carried by the children's work magazines during 1950, and at least eleven were outlined at the October committee meeting to be used during 1951.

Twelve articles on the junior child have been written by various committee members as a series for the *International Journal of Religious Education*. Some of the articles have already appeared in this magazine.

In accord with permission obtained from the Commission on Educational Program, the Association for Childhood Education, International, has been approached regarding the publication of a junior folk song book. This agency is interested in working with us in the preparation of such a piece of material and has appointed a committee to work with a subcommittee of CREC in thinking through such plans, format, and ways of producing and distributing such a book.

JUNIOR CAMPING

Because of the need for guidance material to help leaders of junior camping, a committee has been working to meet this problem, and among other things a manual, *Camping with Juniors*, was prepared. This work

has been done in cooperation with the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences.

AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION

Several members of this committee attended the 1950 Audio-Visual Workshop and at that time gave careful consideration to utilization of these newer methods of teaching. This study is being continued.

Several scripts for radio, television, and visual productions have been reviewed, and members have been responsible for preparing some of these scripts.

LABORATORY SCHOOLS

In an endeavor to give more effective service in laboratory schools, a careful study is being made of the participation of committee members as leaders in these endeavors. A plan which has been outlined and which will enable a better spread of leadership than is now possible, is ready for discussion with state and city council executives for their suggestions. Members of the Committee on Leadership Education are working with this subcommittee.

STATE AND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES ON CHILDREN'S WORK

At its February meeting, the committee discussed the need for knowing more about the structure and work of state and city council committees on children's work in order to assist and cooperate more fully with these groups as requests for help are received from them. Because there are no available data to provide a comprehensive picture of the present situation, it was deemed advisable to recommend research which would indicate the present plans of procedure in selecting age group committee personnel in these councils.

MILDRED C. WIDBER, *Chairman*

ALICE L. GODDARD, *Executive Secretary*

Curriculum Development

Department of Curriculum Development



THE REPORTS WHICH FOLLOW this introductory statement present the administrative and editorial responsibilities of the Department of Curriculum Development as these pertain to the Committee on the Uniform Series, the Committee on the Graded Series, the Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide, and the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials. The latter is basically a joint subcommittee of the two curriculum committees, but it also has an outreach beyond these groups and involves separate administrative procedures.

Beside the main line curriculum work involved in these committees, the director of the department has served as editor of the 1950 *Yearbook* and the 1950 *Dockets and Reports* and as staff adviser for the Missionary Education Section. Other responsibilities have included preparation of the

quarterly annotated list of curriculum and program resources for the *International Journal of Religious Education* and service in a liaison capacity with the Cooperative Publication Association.

Another important item of work during 1950 was the revision of *The Curriculum Guide for the Local Church*, involving a survey of denominational curriculum and a study of the use being made of outlines prepared through the Council curriculum committees.

Mildred A. Magnuson

Director

Committee on the Uniform Series

The Committee on the Uniform Series held one meeting in 1950, on October 22-27, in Cincinnati, Ohio. There were forty-five members in attendance, representing nineteen denominations.

At this meeting the 1954 Outlines were revised in the light of criticisms from the cooperating denominations and from non-denominational publishers. The committee prepared the tentative draft of the 1955 Outlines for circulation to the denominations, appointed the 1956 quarterly sub-committees, and projected plans for the 1956 Outlines. The 1955 Home Daily Bible Readings Committee was also appointed.

The cycle descriptions for 1957-1962 were revised in the light of denominational suggestions by the Cycle Committee and then by the Committee on the Uniform Series as a whole. After being prepared in revised form and circulated, the 1957-1962 cycle descriptions and the 1954 Outlines and Home Daily Bible Readings, will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Commission at its October, 1951, meeting.

The committee heard with interest a report presented by Dr. E. G. Hoff concerning the sessions of the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials, October 19-21, 1950, in Cincinnati. The Committee on the Uniform Series was gratified to know that several suggestions for needed audio-visuals in connection with the Uniform Lessons had been developed into production outlines and that consideration would be given to these needed audio-visuals at the January, 1951, Production Conference.

The Committee on the Uniform Series discussed the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials that a committee be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Commission to make a study of the implications of Bible visualization for Christian teaching. It was voted to express the need for a thoroughgoing study of this kind, and to concur in the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials.

An invitation to hold the 1951 meeting of the committee in Toronto was extended by Canadian representatives and accepted with appreciation. The date of the next meeting will be October 22-26, 1951.

JOHN L. FAIRLY, *Chairman*

MILDRED A. MAGNUSON, *Executive Secretary*

Committee on the Graded Series

A meeting of the Committee on the Graded Series was held March 19-29, 1950 at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Actual appointments to the committee and its special committees for this meeting numbered ninety-two, representing nineteen denominations. There were seventy-six persons in attendance, including six staff members of the International Council. The meetings included four sessions of the committee as a whole, two sessions of the Planning Committee, and sixty-eight sessions of subcommittees, sections, and special committees, not counting age groups subdivisions except where these functioned as separate committees.

Some of the work accomplished was: revision of the 1952-1953 Cycle Graded Outlines, Kindergarten through Senior, in the light of denominational criticisms; first draft of the 1953-1954 Cycle Graded Outlines and projecting of the 1954-1957 cycle; revision of the 1952-1953 Society Topics Outlines, Intermediate through Senior-Older Youth, in the light of denominational criticisms; first draft of the 1953-1954 Society Topics Outlines for Intermediate and Senior; final draft of the 1952-1953 Junior Society Topics; projecting of the 1954-1957 cycle spread for Society Topics; revision of Junior Closely Graded Lessons in the light of denominational review; revision of several outlines for Vacation Church School Curriculum in the light of denominational criticisms; preparation by the Home Curriculum Subcommittee of a description for "A Book for Home Use on Christian Family Life," a revision of the former outline; and ongoing work in Adult Curriculum and Weekday Church School Curriculum.

The outlines for intermediate, senior, and older-youth continue to be developed through the Youth Section, in which intermediate age-group workers meet together as a subcommittee, and senior and older youth workers meet together as a subcommittee, to plan both Sunday morning and evening phases of the curriculum and to provide for the various types of outlines.

A development in the Subcommittee on Closely Graded Lessons and the Youth Section, is the preparation of new Intermediate Closely Graded Outlines. Three sessions of study and orientation were held to initiate this work at the 1950 meeting of CGS.

The Intermediate Subcommittee of CGS is joining with the Junior High Subsection of CREY in a study of the needs and interests of junior high pupils in relation to the objectives of Christian education. The two groups, forming a "Committee on Junior High Objectives," met September 30 and October 1, 1950, at Green Lake, and again January 22-26 in Anderson, Indiana. They are being assisted in certain aspects of the study by several members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children. The work which has been done will be used by the Intermediate Subcommittee of CGS at the 1951 meeting.

A Conference on Nursery Curriculum was held March 25 and 26, 1950, under the auspices of CGS. The conference was well attended and provided three sessions of study, enrichment, and discussion.

The Subcommittee on Vacation Church School Curriculum, with the approval of the Committee on the Graded Series, acted on suggestions of the Commission on Educational Program and *The Council* concerning preparation of ten-session outlines. Ten outlines for twenty-session texts

were reworked to provide eleven ten-session outlines. Many factors were taken into account, and in certain instances, the twenty-session outlines were retained.

On the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Weekday Church School Curriculum, procedures have been established whereby descriptions for weekday texts not yet assigned to writers may be released to selected weekday centers for experimental use and development. A "Memorandum of Agreement" states the terms and provides for signatures representing the sponsoring agency, the Cooperative Publication Association, and the International Council of Religious Education.

The Committee on the Graded Series, in accordance with the request of the Commission on Educational Program, considered the possibility of replacing the name "Society Topics" with a new designation for this series of outlines. In discussing this matter, it was recognized that the use of this term is simply a way of designating these particular outlines for ready identification by the lesson committee, a sort of "trade name" used within the committee to recognize a certain series of outlines. Denominations in producing on these outlines, apply their own terminology depending on their purposes and the groups for whom the material is being developed. The difficulty of introducing the term "fellowship" in regard to these outlines is that the youth fellowship usually or frequently includes both the morning and evening or other additional sessions of this age group. Moreover, it has as yet not been possible to find an over-all term for these descriptions which would cover the junior outlines as well as the youth outlines, as does the term "Society Topics" now being used. In view of these considerations, the Committee on the Graded Series felt that there was no valid reason for changing the designation, "Society Topics."

A few general observations concerning the 1950 meeting are: (1) Concern was expressed and plans were projected in several subcommittees and age-group divisions for basic, thoroughgoing study of age groups in relation to objectives, for consideration of series of outlines in relation to each other, and for preparation of documents and reports to interpret the curriculum to ministers, parents, and others. (2) An interest was shown in the work of the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials, in particular the survey of audio-visuals in relation to the curriculum, and several suggestions for production outlines were referred to the Joint Committee. (3) There was emphasis on the home and a reaching for a closer relationship with the home all along the line in the curriculum processes. (4) There was a desire for the translation of pertinent Old Testament passages and supplementary helps for use by editors and lesson writers in connection with the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance.

The Planning Committee of the Committee on the Graded Series met October 4 and 5, 1950 at Green Lake, Wisconsin, to make plans for the 1951 meeting of CGS to be held March 28-April 6 at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. The Planning Committee also prepared a statement for reference to the Commission on Educational Program, calling attention to the critical need of developing procedures to provide curriculum materials for community, neighborhood, and similar nondenominational and interdenominational churches and for church schools organized to serve emergency areas.

Recommendations were presented at the October meeting of the Commission on Educational Program for the approval of the 1952-1953 Cycle Graded Outlines and Society Topics, Junior Closely Graded Outlines, and descriptions in the areas of home curriculum and vacation church school curriculum. The outlines were approved by CEP, acting on behalf of the Council.

C. A. BOWEN, *Chairman*

MILDRED A. MAGNUSON, *Executive Secretary*

Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials

The Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials met in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19-21, 1950. The committee is composed primarily of representatives of the Committee on the Uniform Series and the Committee on the Graded Series, but includes also co-opted specialists in the field of audio-visual education. It is the responsibility of the Joint Committee to prepare audio-visual production outlines related to curriculum, to do basic studying in this field, and to project plans for the most satisfactory integration of audio-visuals into the curriculum.

At the fall sessions of the Joint Committee, eight audio-visual production outlines were prepared in the area of home and family and two in the area of Bible. These outlines were based on suggestions from the curriculum committees, enlarged upon and supplemented by further suggestions from the Joint Committee itself. The outlines in their tentative form were sent out in review to members of the two lesson committees and interested persons in the audio-visual field. The outlines relating to home and family were reviewed also by persons having denominational responsibilities in this area, and by other members of the Joint Department of Family Life.

Constructive suggestions have come in from interested denominations, in particular those which have expressed a wish to collaborate in producing audio-visuals in this area by sending representatives to the Production Conference of January 8-13, 1951 at Buck Hill Falls. At that time, possibilities for production were explored, recognizing that the outlines are still in tentative form and subject to revisions and further development.

The suggested revisions were considered by the Planning Committee of the Committee on the Graded Series and the Executive Committee of the Committee on the Uniform Series meeting in joint session on February 10, 1951 in Columbus, Ohio. The outlines, previously mailed to the members of the Executive Committee of the Commission, are submitted for action in the light of the revisions which have been approved by the executive bodies of the lesson committees.

The Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials reviewed all previously written production outlines to determine status and decide which should be urged for production, which delayed, and which dropped.

The preparation of production outlines on biblical themes, led into a consideration of the whole matter of biblical visualization. The committee faced the facts that a large percentage of churches are now using motion pictures, most of them biblical, that most of these materials have been produced outside of church sponsorship, and that we do not know the

effect of the visualization of the Bible on Christian teaching. We do not know as yet what is happening through the use of these biblical films and filmstrips in the lives of boys and girls. It was felt that this is an area which bristles with so many problems that there is urgent need for study and that the whole relationship of audio-visual materials to the Bible should be considered by the curriculum committees. The Joint Committee voted to present this need for a study of biblical visualization to the joint meeting of the Planning Committee of CGS and the Executive Committee of CUS in February, recommending that a request be made to the Executive Committee of the Commission for this body to set up a commission to undertake this study.

The Joint Committee felt that if such a study could be made in the months ahead, then perhaps by about two years from now, some very definite work might be undertaken by the Joint Committee in the area of biblical audio-visuals. A statement presenting the problem of biblical visualization was prepared, on authorization of the committee, by Howard E. Tower and is printed in the paragraphs which follow. This request of the Joint Committee received supporting action from the Committee on the Uniform Series at its 1950 meetings. On February 10, 1951, it received concurrent approval by the Planning Committee of CGS and the Executive Committee of CUS meeting in joint session.

*Request for Appointment of Committee to Make a Study of the
Implications of Bible Visualization for Christian Teaching.*

An increasing production and use of films and other audio-visual resources based on Bible stories and events raises a number of serious problems which are of concern to Christian educators.

There are several factors that make these problems particularly acute. First, there is the fact that the extensive production of Bible films has been almost exclusively outside the regular curriculum channels of the church. Since 1945 approximately 85 sound motion pictures and 158 filmstrips have been produced on Bible subjects. The circulation of these films has increased each year. The fact that such films are not used widely in the Sunday church school does not lessen their effectiveness as a helpful or harmful tool for Bible instruction. This factor raises the question: can Christian educators safely leave the visual interpretation of the Bible to agencies outside the Church?

A second factor is that into these visual interpretations has been introduced the screen characterization of Jesus and the addition of large amounts of extra-biblical materials. This raises two problems: Does the screen interpretation of the person of Jesus enrich or impoverish our understanding and appreciation of Jesus? Does the realistic presentation of non-biblical incidents in support of the biblical story clarify or confuse our understanding of the Bible?

A third factor is inherent in the nature of the visual presentation itself—namely, an image is literal and physical. This raises the question: Does a literal visualization of Bible stories, parables, etc., adequately portray the spiritual truth intended in the story or parable?

A fourth factor arises from the fact that the length of many of the films produced does not enable them to fit into present schedules of the study program of the church, and the cost of the resources tends to demand their use in large groups. This practice has already begun to break down our present system of graded teaching. This raises two questions: to what extent should our time schedules be modified to meet the requirements for the use of film and to what extent should films be produced to fit present time schedules? What values will be lost if the use of long, expensive films result in the breakdown of the graded approach to teaching?

A fifth factor is the fact that all curriculum planning groups face pressures to produce biblical audio-visual resources. This faces us, as educators, with two important questions: Is the production of biblical audio-visual resources desirable? And if the answer is yes, what kind or kinds of resources will meet our need?

In consideration of these and other problems, the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual

Materials recommends that the lesson committees concur in requesting the Executive Committee of the Commission on General Christian Education to appoint a committee, representative of all interests concerned, to make a careful study of the effect of biblical audio-visual resources in our program of Christian education, and the kind of biblical audio-visual resources that are needed on the respective levels, to the end that recommendations may be made to guide our curriculum planners in this regard.

BLANCHE HOKE, *Chairman of the Joint Committee on Audio-Visual Materials*

JOHN L. FAIRLY, *Chairman of the Committee on the Uniform Series*

C. A. BOWEN, *Chairman of the Committee on the Graded Series*

MILDRED A. MAGNUSON, *Executive Secretary of the Curriculum Committees*

Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide

In accordance with action taken by the International Council in February, 1950, the Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide has been constituted for the purpose of preparing a new book to replace the present *Curriculum Guide for the Local Church*. The committee is composed of representatives from the Committee on the Uniform Series, the Committee on the Graded Series, the Committee on Church School Administration, and the three age-group committees.

At the October, 1950, meeting of the Commission on Educational Program, appointments to the committee were announced and affirmed, and there was discussion concerning the nature and scope of the new Guide. The Commission on Educational Program requested that the Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide seek to determine what the nature of the new Guide should be and for whom it should be prepared. The committee was requested to bring to the February, 1951, meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commission on General Christian Education, a clear statement of what it proposes to do and why.

With these directives before it, the Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide held its first meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 2 and 3, 1950. After careful consideration of the background of the present Curriculum Guide, the factors involved in preparing a document of this kind, and the needs which should be met through such a publication, the committee developed the following recommendation concerning the purpose and scope of the proposed Curriculum Guide:

"This document should interpret the meaning, purpose, and place of curriculum in Christian learning to persons at work in Christian education and in training for leadership. It should help toward an understanding of principles underlying curriculum construction, the processes of production, and the effective use of curriculum in the local church.

"With this in mind, the ultimate users might be: directors of Christian religious education and ministers, trainees in seminaries, colleges, and local churches, teachers and officers in service, editors and others engaged in curriculum construction, field workers, and members of workers'

councils and local church boards. The document should be written in non-technical language in so far as possible. Any technical terms which must be used should be defined.

"We visualize a document which would be much more widely used than the present *Curriculum Guide for the Local Church* and would therefore warrant a larger printing, with more attractive appearance."

The committee plans to meet for a week in December, 1951, to organize the content of the Guide in detail and to write the first draft. After one or two additional meetings for revisions and rewriting, it is hoped that the manuscript may be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee of the Commission in October, 1952, looking toward possible publication of the new Curriculum Guide early in 1953.


It should be noted that the *Curriculum Guide for the Local Church* now in use was first printed in 1945 and has been widely used in local churches and also in college and seminary classes in curriculum. This Guide was reprinted with revisions in September, 1950. At that time all of the charts and appendices of the original document were replaced with up-to-date material. It is expected that this book will be used until our new Guide shall have been produced.

MERLE L. EASTON, *Chairman*

MILDRED A. MAGNUSON, *Executive Secretary*

Educational Evangelism

Department of Educational Evangelism

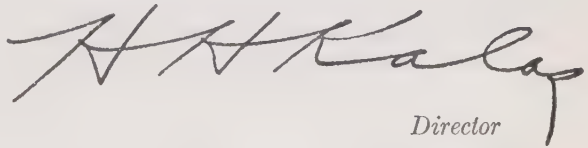
 EDUCATIONAL EVANGELISM will continue to be a joint enterprise between the units of the National Council which have to do with evangelism and Christian education. The Committee on Educational Evangelism will be administratively related to the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council, but it will be functionally responsible to the respective departments of the Division of Christian Education which have interests in the various fields of endeavor in which the committee will engage. The idea of a Joint Department is rather a new one, but the Committee on Educational Evangelism will move easily into the kind of relationship between departments and divisions which is thus envisioned. We have been carrying on this kind of activity for five years.

The Division of Christian Education will have fifteen members on the Committee on Educational Evangelism of the Joint Department of Evangelism. The total membership will be between thirty and forty, depending upon the number of other units of the council who may desire representation. The National Christian Teaching Mission will be directed by a subcommittee of fifteen members selected from the above-named committee. The subcommittee on Youth Evangelism will consist of nine young people who are appointed by the United Christian Youth Movement and nine


adults who are jointly appointed by the Committee on Youth Work of the Division of Christian Education and the Joint Department of Evangelism. The subcommittee on the Evangelism of Children will be jointly appointed by the Committee on Children's Work of the Division of Christian Education and the Joint Department of Evangelism. The Director of the Committee on Educational Evangelism will continue to report to the appropriate educational committees of the Division of Christian Education.

The National Christian Teaching Mission will continue to be a major project of the Committee on Educational Evangelism. The United Christian Youth Mission will become a prominent parallel program to the National Christian Teaching Mission. This will be one of the major projects of the Call to United Christian Youth Action and furnishes a good example of the way in which the Joint Department of Evangelism will enhance certain projects of the Division of Christian Education. The Committee on the Evangelism of Children will begin somewhat more slowly, but will be completely organized by the end of 1951.

Our administrative connection with the Division of Christian Life and Work in no sense implies detachment from the Division of Christian Education. Our major work will be where it always was. It is a rare privilege to relate the interests of evangelism to the educational program of the National Council. It will be an equally great privilege to bring to the Joint Department of Evangelism the concerns and insights of our colleagues in Christian education.



Director



Associate Director

Committee on Educational Evangelism

(Including Report on the National Christian Teaching Mission)

In this final report to the International Council of Religious Education, it might be well to review the record of service by the National Christian Teaching Mission to local communities and churches since 1946. The Mission in its present form was first inaugurated in Wabaunsee County, Kansas, in August of 1946. The program developed slowly and with great care under Dr. Harry C. Munro's leadership. Twenty-nine Missions were conducted in two years. In these two years, through the spring of 1948, 1170 churches participated, covering a population of 3,935,000 persons. Harry Munro conducted twenty-five of these twenty-nine Missions;

Milton Heitzman and Harry Kalas each conducted two. Since the spring of 1948, ninety-four Missions have been held, serving 118 distinct communities. Thirty-five persons have helped in the direction of these Missions. The total population covered by the census was 7,312,000. Since 1948, 2,873 churches have participated.

Taking the period as a whole, the Mission has been conducted in 147 distinct communities, though the number of Missions is 123. The total church participation is 4,043 and the total census coverage is 11,247,000.

In 1950, Missions were held in the following communities: Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Whittier, California; Forth Worth, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; Allentown, Pennsylvania; Warren, Ohio; Brown County, Kansas; Roseburg, Oregon; Redlands, California; Aberdeen, Washington; Covina, California; Forest Grove-Hillsboro, Oregon; San Fernando, California; Long Beach, California; Eugene, Oregon; Ontario, California; Naperville, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa; Tamaqua, Pennsylvania; Mt. Pleasant-Scottdale, Pennsylvania; Great Falls, Montana; San Antonio, Texas; Flathead County, Montana; Urbana-Champaign, Illinois; Arcadia, California; Huron, South Dakota; Bloomington-Normal, Illinois; Santa Paula, California; Detroit, Michigan; St. Paul, Minnesota; Corvallis, Oregon; Reading, Pennsylvania; Lafayette, Indiana; Fullerton, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Barrington, Illinois; Niles, Ohio; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Sterling, Illinois; Richmond, Indiana; Missoula, Montana; White County, Indiana; Weld County, Colorado; Newton, Kansas; Dodge County, Minnesota; Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

Some examples drawn from guest leader reports may be of interest. "The First Methodist Church of Greeley, Colorado is working with 399 new families or persons, of whom 73 are children below six, 38 are of primary age, 24 are junior age, 55 are high school age, 101 young adults and 298 older adults." "Woodward Avenue Baptist of Detroit, found 700 new responsibilities on a first return, with resultant new purpose and activity." "Westminster Presbyterian Church of Council Bluffs had a responsibility list of 150 per cent higher than its church membership, with only first returns in." "Olivet Baptist (Negro) only could account for 167 of its 400 members in first returns from the census, but already had a new responsibility list of 201." "The Church of the Brethren at Champaign, Illinois had 474 new responsibilities, exactly double its present membership." "Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church of Lafayette, Indiana had 600 new responsibilities before the Mission closed, and 'the returns are still flooding in upon us.'"

A total of 112,334 pieces of educational material has been printed and used in the National Christian Teaching Mission during the year 1950. In addition, 5,811 pieces have been used for the guidance of pastors and other local church leaders in the Mission: 4,024,757 pieces have been used in connection with the census and 71,958 pieces have been used for promotion.

An experiment was conducted in Minneapolis in which the Director of the Department of Adult Work and Family Education and the Director of the National Christian Teaching Mission served as co-directors of the Mission. Further experimentation and planning is necessary, but we are

sure that, before the end of 1951, family life education and family fellowship cultivation will become a standard part of the program of the Mission.

In cooperation with the Committee for Cooperative Field Research, a religious preference profile is now made of every community by census tracts. This is an innovation in 1950 and has not been carried very far.

Three representatives of the Committee on Town and Country shared in the Brown County, Kansas Mission as guest leaders and prepared useful evaluations and suggestions for the better adaptation of our program to town and country communities. The Director of the Mission headed one of the commissions of the National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country, held in Columbia, Missouri in the fall of 1950. This commission prepared a statement of recommendation for the plenary body and will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Town and Country*.

The Committee on Educational Evangelism has, during the year, laid the foundations for two new areas of work. The United Christian Youth Mission and the work of the Committee on the Evangelism of Children, which will emerge conspicuously in the new National Council, are the result of careful planning by which the initiation of programs in youth evangelism and the evangelism of children continues to rest in the respective departments of the new Division of Christian Education. The carrying out of programs and policies thus initiated will be jointly sponsored by the respective committees of the Division of Christian Education and the Joint Department of Evangelism.

REUBEN H. MUELLER, *Chairman*

HARRY H. KALAS, *Executive Secretary*

English Bible

Department of the English Bible



THE TASK OF INTERPRETING the background and significance of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament to lay people and ministers across the country continues very much as before. During the month of January through September the statistics reveal about 30,000 miles travelled to deliver almost two hundred addresses to a combined total of about 35,000 listeners. Fifty-one of the addresses have been illustrated with pictures taken in Palestine. There was an almost equal distribution of addresses before interdenominational and denominational groups, though the number of meetings sponsored by denominations this year has been greater than those sponsored by interdenominational organizations. Fifteen radio spots were made available in the sixty-four communities visited, and one television program was among the experiences of the director. In one case the radio time was so opportune that its effect on the subsequent meeting was immediately apparent in the increase in attendance, some fifty indicating their presence as a result of hearing the program.

Numerous cities in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa,

Louisiana, Alabama, Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and other states were visited to present addresses on the Bible with special emphasis on the Revised Standard Version. Many hundreds of copies of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament are now in use in many of these communities, but perhaps the most important effect of these visits has been to stimulate a new interest in Bible reading, to judge from the remarks frequently heard. In at least half a dozen communities there was an opportunity to work with the same group for about six to ten sessions of classes. In these places it was possible to lay a better foundation for appreciation and understanding of Bible background that should have an important bearing on the subsequent use of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as the "authorized version" of the church. If the period of transition from the use of the traditional versions to the Revised Standard can thus be shortened, these efforts will not have been in vain. Especially in colleges and high schools does the importance of the new version become apparent. Young people, filled with the knowledge of modern science and industry, find the attractive format, the clearcut English and the easy-to-understand message of the Revised Standard Version much more appealing. With a little encouragement from their pastors, teachers and parents, they will quickly adopt the new version as their own.

It is a relatively small and gradually diminishing group of older folk who find the transition to the new version difficult, and only rarely is there open opposition. One severe critic, basing his objections on technical matters in which he was well versed, admitted that it is much easier to criticize a translation of the Bible than to do a better job of it.


Once again it was a stimulating and deeply valuable experience to sit for several days with the Old Testament section of the Standard Bible Committee in their June meetings as they continued the arduous task of revising their first draft, made over a period of twelve years. It was also good to sit with the Committee on the Graded Series at Buck Hill Falls to discover more of their methods and problems of making the Bible an effective element in Christian teaching.

The last three months of the year were granted to the director as a part of a six months' leave of absence for the purpose of intensive research on the Dead Sea Scrolls which are looming so large in Bible research at present. For this splendid opportunity I am deeply grateful, and to those who have made it possible I am much indebted. This period of research will permit further cooperation with the American Schools of Oriental Research in gathering important evidence concerning the scrolls for publication.

John C. Trever
Director

Field Administration

Department of Field Administration

URING 1950 four major field enterprises have been undertaken by various departments. Children's Work Regional Conferences were cleared; nineteen Leadership Education Audio-Visual Institutes were planned, scheduled, and held across the country; preliminary field clearances were begun on the Bible Observance for 1952; and general planning of field cultivation for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the vacation church school movement was carried forward. Promotion of the Toronto Convention and various aspects of the convention were responsibilities of the Department of Field Administration, in cooperation with the World Council of Christian Education. During the fall period, development of the exhibit for the National Council and arrangements at Cleveland were included in the portfolio of the director.

INTER-COUNCIL FIELD DEPARTMENT

Increasing demands for guidance and counsel to state and local councils, particularly in securing personnel, are being made. Clearances and general plans for the new Council Department of Field Administration of the National Council occupied the department. Review of the Church Cooperation Series pamphlets was undertaken and a reissue of No. 2, "How to Organize a Local Council of Churches and Religious Education," bringing it up to date, was undertaken.

STATUS OF COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

As of January 1, there were 875 councils of churches, 1,720 councils of church women, and some 1,717 ministerial associations. There are thirty-nine states which have inclusive councils of churches and one state which has both a council of churches and a council of religious education. There are councils of church women in every state.

SOUTHEASTERN INTER-COUNCIL OFFICE

Plans have been instituted for the Third Southeastern Convocation in the fall of 1951.

SOUTHWESTERN INTER-COUNCIL OFFICE

The First Southwestern Convocation in San Antonio is projected for April 1951.

COMMITTEE ON TOWN AND COUNTRY

The 1950 Town and Country Convocation, held in Columbus, Missouri, was well attended. The 1951 Convocation will be held in Portland, Oregon.


Director

Committee on Field Program

SOUTHEASTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN OFFICES

During the past year Dr. Forrest Weir has given outstanding leadership to the field work in the ten states and cities of the Southeastern area. The Tennessee Council was launched under its own officers and staff. In Mississippi and Georgia the process of securing denominational ratification for plans of organization for state councils is under way. Several city councils have developed to the point of employing staff members. A body of informed and interested leaders has been gathered who have engaged in the consideration of plans for the extension of community enterprises in the region.

Dr. Weir resigned December 1 to become Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles and Southern California Council of Protestant Churches. Rev. Ernest Arnold is now the Executive of the Southeastern Office. Plans have been instituted for the third Southeastern Convocation in the fall of 1951.

In the Southwest, Mr. Munro has been active in organizing the work of the area. Two new councils have been formed at Houston and Dallas, and a National Christian Teaching Mission held in San Antonio under his leadership. Plans are under way for a Southwestern Convocation in San Antonio April 11-12-13, 1951.

In both the Southeast and the Southwest, the offices have served as the link between local communities and departments of the national sponsoring councils for various program efforts, such as audio-visual institutes, leadership education audio-visual institutes, Bible Observance, Children's regionals, National Christian Teaching Missions, and many other activities.

AUDIO-VISUAL FIELD RESOURCES

The committee has discussed the need for developing audio-visual resources for field program use, particularly for training volunteer and professional workers. A canvass of national denominational field workers revealed interest, but not sufficient concern to warrant moving ahead with plans and a special program for field workers at the Audio-Visual Workshop at Green Lake this year.

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

The committee completed a study of and adopted a paper on Objectives and Functions of Field Program.

MANUAL FOR FIELD WORKERS

A survey made by Harry Munro and his students on field work in religious education has led the committee to consider the need for a basic manual for field workers.

W. NORMAN COOK, *Chairman*

JOHN B. KETCHAM, *Executive Secretary*

Southeastern Inter-Council Office

The responsibilities borne by the Southeastern Inter-Council Office are multiform and range all the way from answering questions by telephone and correspondence concerning cooperative activities to taking the initiative for setting up state and local councils of churches. The following summary will offer only examples of the kind of work carried on.

LEADERSHIP OF STATE COUNCILS OF CHURCHES

The Executive Secretary has acted as the secretary for the Tennessee Council of Churches, in process of formation, and the South Carolina Fellowship of Churches, which, although already formed, had not yet been able to secure a staff and budget.

During the year we were able to complete plans for the launching of the Tennessee Council with its own budget and executive secretary. All of this was brought to completion in the Constituting Assembly on November 9, when the Council completed its organization, elected its officers, and conducted a program consisting of seminars for clergymen, laymen, and laywomen, with a concluding address by Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen of New York.

The Interim Committee carried forward a program which highlighted the United Evangelistic Advance. In addition, it performed field services on behalf of the local councils in Nashville, Memphis, Rockwood, and Kingsport. In cooperation with Bethel College at McKenzie, the state council set up an audio-visual institute under the direction of an I.C.R.E. team. Responsibility for the women's work in the Council has been definitely taken over by the Tennessee Council of Church Women.

In two areas the Tennessee Council made explorations for program efforts which in all probability will lead to departmental assignments in the early future. One of these sprang from our study of the findings from the Home Missions Congress and the Urban Church Convocation held in Columbus early in the year. The other centered upon a study of the relationship of the church to rural people who own and live from their farms. While it was deemed unwise to begin activity in either of these areas until the Council was launched and employed its leadership, the foundation has been laid for important program developments in both areas.

In South Carolina the Fellowship of Churches cultivated in several communities simultaneous efforts for visitation evangelism. Following Easter and culminating with Pentecost, the denominational evangelistic leaders carried forward these campaigns, resulting in a considerable increase in church membership.

Similarly, through a great part of the year, a joint committee from the Fellowship of Churches and the state Board of Education conducted consultations, looking toward the development of a program of weekday religious instruction in the public schools. At the present time, the plan proposed by the Fellowship of Churches is still awaiting action from the state Department of Education.

CULTIVATION OF NEW STATE COUNCILS OF CHURCHES

We are pleased to report that during the year consultations previously begun both in Georgia and in Mississippi have culminated in the presenta-

tion of a plan of organization in both states for councils of churches. In Georgia the constitution and by-laws adopted in May have at the present writing received the approval of five out of seven member state bodies. The other two are fully expected to act by the end of the year. In Mississippi a similar organization has been agreed upon under the title, The Mississippi Fellowship of Churches. Here, after a series of regional meetings designed to interpret the purpose of the Fellowship of Churches, two state bodies out of six have already reported favorable action.

THE GENERAL PROGRAM EFFORTS

During the year the Office served as the link between local communities and departments of our national sponsoring councils for several program efforts. The following are typical of the kind of things attempted:

1. Set up a series of one day audio-visual institutes in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina with an ICRE team in charge.
2. Assisted in setting up a regional institute in Atlanta for the briefing of denominational leaders on the new series of visual teaching materials for leadership education.
3. Assisted in the leadership of the regional UCYM conference during the summer and the Greater Miami Christian Workers School in November.
4. Set up a regional consultation of denominational leaders in religious education with Miss Murphy to consider the community observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement.
5. Conducted exploration for the Home Missions Council on assuming sponsorship of the Faith Cabin Libraries.

During the year the United Council of Church Women became a sponsor of the Office and named its representatives to the Southeastern Advisory Committee. With this action we have had an increasing cooperation between local and state councils of churches and the councils of church women in the area.

Tennessee is but an example of the general trend, where the Council of Church Women enthusiastically undertook the women's program for the Council of Churches, and where the president of the Council of Church Women is a vice president of the State Council of Churches. In a similar way there has been an increasing relationship of local and state councils of church women to the services rendered by this Office. Typical of these is the effort now being carried forward by the Georgia Council of Church Women on behalf of the unchurched children of the state. Through the office the program and facilities of the National Teaching Mission were opened up to them, and they are now in the process of setting up pilot missions in Georgia with the intent of stimulating entire local communities to use these procedures in order to reach all of the unchurched families in the community.

ON BEHALF OF THE NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL

One of the concerns of the Office during the year was the interpretation of and the securing of visiting delegates to the Constituting Convention

of the National Council in Cleveland. Thus, we made local arrangements for consultations in Nashville, Atlanta, Miami, and Orlando, Florida. The interpretation of this new venture in cooperation has demanded conferences with local groups, several addresses before large community groups, and a great deal of correspondence and office consultation.

OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF ECUMENICAL INTEREST

Our activities during the year have included responses to many inquiries from schools, theological seminaries, local cooperative groups, and denominational bodies on behalf of the various forms of interdenominational relationship, all the way from the World Council of Churches to local federations of churches. These inquiries centered not only on the general purpose and organization at various levels of ecumenical enterprises, but frequently upon cooperative programs and services, in which one or more churches or schools and theological seminaries needed guidance. The past year has seen much more of this kind of interest than during any other year of our work.

SUMMARY

Since this will be the final report of the present Executive Secretary before he leaves to assume a new responsibility in California, it might not be inappropriate to make a summary of what has happened in cooperative groups in the area during the four years the Office has been in operation.

When it was opened, the only state councils of churches in operation were Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, and the beginnings of the Fellowship of Churches in South Carolina. Now we have councils of churches, either completed or in process, in all but one of the ten states it serves. Consultations have begun in the tenth state which we hope will, after a period of cultivation, lead to the organization of a state council.

In addition, several city councils have developed to the point of employing staff, notably Miami and Saint Petersburg, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia.

We are pleased to report, also, that a considerable body of informed and interested leaders has been gathered through our two major convocations, who have not only held "ecumenical conversations" but have engaged in the consideration of actual plans for the extension of community enterprises in the region. For example, out of the last convocation a motion was presented to the Southeastern Advisory Committee, requesting the appointment of a regional committee on church planning and adjustment, which might lead to the employment of a staff person, who would always be available to state and local groups for the study of new church situations and adjustment of over-churched communities.

Another line of interest has centered in radio. The Office early in its experience became the focal point for regional denominational committees on radio to develop a transcribed series which could be presented over the region by arrangement with individual radio stations. This has led to a rather remarkable cooperative enterprise by which the denominations and several schools have joined together and secured the aid of a local foundation in the establishment of The Protestant Radio Center in Atlanta, which now serves the Southern Religious Radio Conference as a

studio for live voice programs, has an excellent transcription laboratory, facilities for the production of audio-visual materials and conducts regularly workshops for community leaders in religious radio. The culminating achievement in the field of radio was the presentation of the National Radio Pulpit from the Atlanta Center during the 1950 season.

At our last Advisory Committee meeting in May, 1950, the panorama of activities surveyed there was a comprehensive witness to the growth of ecumenical concern in the region during recent years. For here was presented projects in community Christian education, efforts on behalf of the Christian family, leadership education, the National Teaching Mission, training of the rural ministry through an in-service program, the Home Missions Council's and United Council of Church Women's inclusive program to migrant camps, our radio ministry, our Southeast-wide convocations, and our expanding service to state and local councils of churches and councils of church women.

The Executive Secretary is very loath to part with this fine company of people and to leave this genuinely significant field of cooperative work, the more especially since he has long anticipated sharing regionally in the work of the new National Council. He does so only because of the compulsions of the new call. He will continue in prayerful concern for the Southeast and in a deep sense of kinship with its religious leaders. In a similar way he records a profound sense of gratitude for the privilege of working with and under the guidance of the officers and staff members in our national sponsoring councils.

FORREST C. WEIR, *Executive Secretary*

Southwestern Office

ARRANGEMENTS

After due negotiations among the five national agencies concerned, this office was established by a meeting of the Southwestern Office Advisory Committee on March 26, 1950. It represented the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women, and the United Stewardship Council, in the five states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The formation of the new National Council of Churches results in its now being the Southwestern Office of the National Council.

An annual budget of \$3150 was underwritten by the initiating councils and is continued by the National Council. This provides for a part-time office secretary, a travel account, general office expenses, and some program expense. The office space is contributed by Brite College of the Bible and the Executive Secretary's services are on a voluntary or unpaid basis, except as honoraria for special program services may be provided by the field served. Arrangements for this voluntary service were cleared with T.C.U. with the understanding that no other "extra curricular" field work would be undertaken by the secretary.

The purpose of this office is (1) to serve as a clearing or facilitating agency for programs or interests of the National Council in these five states; (2) to promote interdenominational fellowship and program activities in the

region; and (3) to cultivate the formation, development, and strengthening of local and state councils of churches in the region.

It is mutually understood that the present arrangement is merely a temporary expedient for initiating these functions, and that as early as possible, preferably by 1953, an employed executive with full-time office facilities can be provided. The retarded condition of cooperative work in this region justifies this very gradual beginning, but also calls for a far more vigorous approach as early as possible.

The office was actually established about July 1 with regular secretarial help. A part of last year's budget was used for office equipment, including dictascriber, mimeograph, and typewriter. Including this, only about 40 per cent of last year's budget was expended.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee, set up by the national agencies, is headed by Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, Dallas representative of the Methodist *Christian Advocate*. A second meeting was held with good attendance on September 25. The next meeting will be held in San Antonio, April 11.

THE CONVOCATION

The committee agreed that major emphasis should be given this year to a Convocation of Christian Leaders to be held in San Antonio, April 11-13. Program leadership is being provided to a large extent by the offices and staff of the National Council. Quotas totaling one thousand have been distributed among the denominations. Emphasis in the Convocation is on eleven planning commissions in which it is hoped there may be initiated several forward steps in cooperative work.

CITY COUNCILS

There were until the past year only three city councils with offices and employed leadership in the entire region: Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and San Antonio. Without any help from the Southwestern Office, Houston has formed a council, has an office, with office secretarial service and is now considering the employment of an executive. Dallas, on the initiative of the Southwestern Office, has formed a Council, beginning with thirty-one churches, which has rapidly grown to fifty-four. Its employed secretary was formerly office secretary for the San Antonio Council. It has adopted a budget of \$15,522 and plans on expanding program. A second visit to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, February 18, is expected to result in forming a council there. Recent consultation with the Austin, Texas, Council resulted in probable plans for an office and part-time secretary. Both the Tulsa and Oklahoma City Councils are looking for new executives.

There are over ninety councils of church women in Texas. Plans are under way following the Convocation to make a joint approach, through ministerial associations and councils of church women in several selected cities, to the consideration of a council of churches. The council of church women and ministerial association will be asked jointly to call a Sunday afternoon conference of four representatives from each church: the minister, a church woman, a layman, and a young person. It is hoped that this, following the impetus of the Convocation, will yield results.

The San Antonio Council, which is thriving under the competent leadership of Harold Kilpatrick, was served by a Fellowship Evangelism program conducted by the Southwestern Secretary in October, and he was the Reformation Day speaker at a very successful mass meeting in Oklahoma City.

OTHER FIELD ACTIVITIES


The Southwestern Secretary attended the A.C.S. meeting at Lake Geneva last June, served as a leader in the Southwestern UCYM Conference in July, as a consultant in a conference of Presbyterian field workers in September; in an all-day celebration of Religious Education Week in Wichita Falls, Texas, in September, and in a Sunday evening rally in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in December.

An attempt to have a conference of religious educational denominational field workers in September was very disappointing in attendance. A conference is being planned in connection with the San Antonio Convocation.

Plans for the promotion of CROP by Church World Service are clearing through our office. So far we do not seem to have developed satisfactory ways of serving either the UCYM or the Regional Children's Work Conferences. The fact is the Convocation is about all we can handle until it is over.

HARRY C. MUNRO, *Acting Executive Secretary*

International Journal of Religious Education

 R. P. R. HAYWARD retired as Editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education* at the time of the last Annual Meeting, after twenty years of distinguished service. The new Editor, Virgil E. Foster, came in November on a part-time basis and started full-time work with the first of January. In the interim the Managing Editor had the valuable help of a small advisory committee of the staff.

The Editor wishes to say that he accepts this assignment with genuine appreciation and respect for the great contribution which the *Journal* has made under the editorship of Dr. P. R. Hayward and his predecessors. He has been a long-time subscriber and user of the *Journal*, which he has found valuable in his work as director of religious education in churches, as teacher in a seminary, and as a denominational field worker.

During the past year the *Journal* has had three special numbers on vital phases of religious education. In February 1950 there was one on "Christian Education Around the World," prepared with the cooperation of the Missionary Education Movement and the World Council of Christian Education. In October, the Rev. Richard E. Lentz cooperated in the production of an issue on "The Church's Opportunity in Family Education." In January 1951 Miss Ruth Elizabeth Murphy assisted ably in the preparation of an issue honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the vacation church school movement. Each of these numbers has met with enthusiastic response from the groups most directly interested. In addition, the July-August number carried several articles on religious education in Canada,

in recognition of the World Convention on Christian Education held during the summer in Toronto.

In its other issues the *Journal* has continued to give help, inspiration and resources in the many phases of religious education in the local church and in its wider outreach. The International Council staff contributed a number of unusually significant articles, including one by Dr. Ross on the National Council of Churches, and assisted also in the collation of resources. In addition the members of the Editorial Board have rendered valuable service in reporting on new trends and successful experiences in the churches throughout the country, and in suggesting appropriate writers.

As the Council staff has grown, the amount of space which can be given to the interests of each department has had to be decreased. It is sincerely hoped that *Journal* circulation may reach the place where it will permit the printing of a larger magazine, so that it may more adequately meet its responsibility in the interpretation and guidance of Christian education in the local church.

Lillian Williams

Managing Editor

Virgil E. Footley

Editor

Leadership Education and Church School Administration

Department of Leadership Education and Church School Administration

THE LARGEST SINGLE ACTIVITY of the department was our share in preparation of the Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit. The responsibility for the content side of the kit rested on this department, while responsibility for finances and production rested on the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education.

Sincere appreciation goes to Miss Rosser for guiding the process of production and to Dr. Million for promotion and coordination of the LEAV institutes.

Field work experiences during the year ranged from local church service to national planning. The director of the department served as Executive Secretary of the Workshop for Directors of Christian Education. He completed a two-year term of service as Dean of the Faribault Summer School of Christian Education. He served as chairman of the West Coast Series of Regional LEAV institutes.

Publications which received attention during the year included numerous revisions of pamphlets and of leaders' guides. In addition to the promo-

tional materials published in the form of a poster, post-card, and bulletin cover series, there was also a new booklet publication, *Publicity Strategy*.

After five years of valued service to the department as assistant to the director, Miss Gail A. Mattice resigned to return to her home in Minneapolis. We, in the department, join her many other friends in saying "thanks" to her for all the good she did us and in wishing her well for the years ahead.

The Rev. Paul H. King has joined the department as Associate Director. Mr. King came from Lakewood Methodist Church, Lakewood, Ohio, where he played an active role in leadership education, both denominationally and interdenominationally. He served as Chairman of the Directors' Section of the Council and as Chairman of the Methodist Fellowship of Directors. He therefore brings to the department a wealth of experience which will enrich the work and field outreach of the department.


Director

Committee on Leadership Education

The Committee on Leadership Education has worked during the year at its continuing function of maintaining and improving a training program for more than two million persons who give volunteer service in the Protestant churches of America. In addition to traditional leadership education activities which have been carried on, significant new elements were added during the year.

THE LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AUDIO-VISUAL KIT

This Kit is a major resource for the training program made possible by nineteen denominations. It was prepared through the cooperation of many staff members of these denominations with assistance from the Council's Departments of Audio-Visual and Radio Education and Leadership Education and Church School Administration.

The Kit consists of ten film strips with recordings for nine of them, together with user's guides and projectionist's scripts. The whole is conveniently packaged in a carrying case for storage and transportation. The following ten units comprise the Kit.

Leads to Leadership
The Great Adventure
No Two Alike
As the Twig is Bent
How Persons Learn

Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment
The Teacher Prepares
The Teacher Teaches
The Growing Teacher
So You're the Superintendent!

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AUDIO-VISUAL INSTITUTES

Twenty Regional Institutes were held for the purpose of helping selected leaders throughout the United States and Canada to discover ways of strengthening the leadership education program through the use of the

LEAV Kit. More than a thousand persons participated in these institutes. Following the Regional Institutes similar programs were planned for smaller areas and communities, designed to reach key workers from local churches. More than 200 of these area and community institutes are planned. The ultimate purpose of the institutes is to strengthen leadership education programs in churches across the country.

Response to the LEAV Kit both in these institutes and in leadership schools, conferences and local churches has been excellent.

The Kit has been called by some persons the most promising development in leadership education in twenty-five years. A wise and carefully planned use of these new resources may well make this statement come true.

POSTERS, BULLETIN, COVER, POSTCARD SERIES

This is an attractive series of promotional materials designed for use in various leadership education enterprises. It has been in circulation since May and has been widely used with good effect. The committee is at work now on plans for a series to follow this one.

STANDARD LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

The Standard Leadership Curriculum has been in use during the past year in schools and classes both denominational and interdenominational. Reports from denominations are being compiled as this report is prepared. They indicate that in some instances, at least, there is significant increase in participation in this program.

Interdenominational schools were held in 642 communities with an attendance of 50,781 students. Credits were awarded to 33,837 students, who had completed courses for credit during the year.

New editions of both First and Second Series Bulletins on Leadership Education were published during the year.

Leaders' Guides for many of these courses were revised. Guides were newly written or completely rewritten for sixteen courses.

COOPERATIVE PUBLICATION OF TEXTBOOKS

The Cooperative Publication Association has been at work on a number of new textbooks for use in the Standard Leadership Curriculum. One new text published for the Association by the Pilgrim Press is about to be released as this report is prepared. It is *Storyteller in Christian Education* by Jeanette Perkins Brown.

JAMES FIDLER, *Chairman*

LEE J. GABLE, *Executive Secretary*

Committee on Church School Administration

The Committee on Church School Administration has carried forward during the year its concern for establishing in local churches the conditions which will enable persons to grow as Christians.

The major activity of the committee has been in the field of publication

of needed material. The *International Standard for the Sunday Church School* was printed in a revised form, the scoring manual being included with the standard.

The committee revised the booklet, *Organization and Administration of Christian Education in the Local Church*, which booklet has been out of print for some time. The Committee is engaged now in a study of problems involved in organization, preparatory to preparing and releasing new material several years from now.

The Committee on Church School Administration has common interests with the Committee on Leadership Education in a number of phases of work. Members of the Committee have been greatly interested in the Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit. They have counseled in its preparation, they have assisted in the regional area and community institutes which have been held and are encouraging distribution of the Kit both denominationally and interdenominationally.

The fifth Workshop for Directors of Christian Education, held in the summer of 1950, was regarded by most participants as one of the most effective workshops for Directors of Christian Education that has been held thus far. It was attended by ninety-three Directors of Christian Education in local churches from twenty-five states and eleven denominations. A significant feature in the 1950 workshop was the presence of national denominational executives responsible for work with Directors of Christian Education. These persons met with directors by denominational groups on several occasions during the week. They were available for personal and group conferences throughout the week. Their presence greatly strengthened the workshop in many ways and promises greatly to strengthen future workshops.

Plans have been made for the Sixth Workshop to be held at Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, July 22-28, 1951. Program and leadership has been prepared, a publicity folder has been distributed, and the prospects are good for a valuable experience for Directors of Christian Education in the summer of 1951.

CHARLES MARION ROSS, *Chairman*

LEE J. GABLE, *Executive Secretary*

Public Relations

Department of Public Relations



THIS report covers the major activities of the Department of Public Relations of the International Council of Religious Education during the year 1950.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

The Department of Public Relations continued to have administrative responsibility for this observance. It prepared promotional materials as in

former years, including a six-page resource folder, news releases, radio spot announcements (with the cooperation of the Protestant Radio Commission), and motion picture theater "trailers" (with the cooperation of the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education). A new feature this last year was the preparation of a Resource Packet, in which twenty-three pieces of publicity and program material were included. Some of these were new; most of them were selected from the Council's regular publications. The program material was of the kind that would be helpful in launching the fall program of Christian education in the local church and the carrying out of the suggested activities of the observance. The department also secured endorsements and proclamations from President Harry Truman, twenty governors, ninety-nine mayors (reports incomplete), and such prominent citizens as J. Edgar Hoover, Senator H. Alexander Smith, Senator Paul H. Douglas, Francis B. Sayre, William Green, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Cleveland E. Dodge, Earl James McGrath, and Bishop J. Ralph Magee. These endorsements were publicized widely in the religious and secular press.

PRESS RELATIONS

The Department of Public Relations carried on an intensified service of news releases to the religious and secular press. More emphasis this last year was placed on individualized releases for some of the Council's activities. During 1950, 1,507 releases were sent to a total of 123,963 publications as follows:

	<i>Total Releases</i>	<i>Total Publications</i>
Religious Press Mailings (500 editors, executives and others).....	72	35,065
Secular Press Mailings (7,176 daily and weekly newspapers and radio stations).....	15	85,069
Special releases to newspapers and magazines.....	1,420	3,829
	<hr/> 1,507	<hr/> 123,963

(No comparison to previous years is possible, for this is a new way of recording our work. Offhand, however, this is probably the largest total of releases in any year since the present director began in 1947.)

The major emphases in our news releases were on National Youth Week, National Family Week, Religious Education Week, the annual meetings, the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Revised Standard Version of the Bible and the 1952 Bible Observance, the New York court decision on weekday religious education of June 19, 1950, the International Children's Work Conference, and the World Convention on Christian Education.

The Director of Public Relations and his secretary managed the press room for the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto last August. Outstanding results in newspaper and religious press coverage were secured with below-minimum staff and expenditures. A total of thirty releases were prepared at Toronto. They went to a total of 711 newspapers and 1,500 religious publications. Some thirty local reporters,

religious press writers, and out-of-town newspaper correspondents covered the convention. The three local papers—*Toronto Telegram*, *Star*, and *Globe and Mail*—were especially cooperative in giving full coverage in text and photos.

The director also gave assistance in the publicity and public relations work of the National Council, attending several committee meetings in New York City during the year, spending a three-week period in the New York publicity office of the Planning Committee last October, and working in the press room during the Constituting Convention.

Press coverage was also provided by the Director of Public Relations for the annual meeting of the Association of Council Secretaries and the Seventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

During the year the director addressed the Story Paper Editors Conference and a class at Bethany Biblical Seminary on the subject of mass communications. He conferred with the professors group at the Seventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education on the relevance of new conceptions of communication. He attended the annual meetings of the Associated Church Press and the National Religious Publicity Council and serves currently as the president of the latter.



Director

Religion and Public Education

Committee on Religion and Public Education

Pending the hopefully expected inauguration of a Department of Religion and Public Education, there has been no meeting of this committee within the past year. The chairman, Dr. Knoff, and others have been active in efforts to secure an executive for such a department and to discover the remaining funds needed for its establishment. The Department of Weekday Religious Education has, in the meantime, sought to give a limited amount of assistance in this area through office correspondence, the supplying of pertinent literature and field service. We look forward to the launching of this greatly needed department in the near future and the resumption of committee activity in its behalf.

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, *Chairman*

ERWIN L. SHAVER, *Executive Secretary*

Research



THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE held two meetings during the year under the chairmanship of Jesse Ziegler. Research requests from the committees and departments of the Council were considered, all studies in process were reviewed, and special consideration was given to several major studies. In addition, individual members of the committee have generously given assistance in experimental work or advice in areas of their particular interest or training.

STUDIES COMPLETED DURING 1950

The Study of Weekday Religious Education at the High School Level by Miss Lois McClure has been completed and approved by her Northwestern University faculty committee. A preliminary report was made to the Weekday Religious Education Section and the Committee on Weekday Religious Education, and more detailed consideration will be given by the Committee on Weekday Religious Education in October 1951.

The Study of the Effectiveness of Films in Prejudice Reduction has been completed by W. C. Kosinar and approved by his faculty committee at the University of Chicago. A preliminary report of the study has been made to the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education, which committee is developing plans for utilization of its findings.

The 1949 Religious Education Statistics for 241 religious bodies were compiled and published during the year. Although it was impossible to secure recent data for a number of denominations, and in the case of others the information is incomplete, the research staff is of the opinion that religious bodies are realizing the value of more accurate record keeping and reporting. Because of a general interest in evaluation at the mid-century, there have been a larger number of requests than usual for articles on statistics, comparative statements, news releases, and miscellaneous inquiries.

A Report of Research in Audio-Visual Education was presented to the 1950 Audio-Visual Workshop. This report was a supplement to the one compiled and presented in 1949, and is a thirty-five page mimeographed document abstracting significant recent research in the audio-visual field, of concern to persons engaged in script writing, production, or utilization of audio-visuals in Christian education.

Abstracts of twenty-seven Doctoral Dissertations in Religious Education and closely related fields completed between June 1949 and June 1950 have been assembled and edited for printing in *Religious Education* magazine. The abstracts will be reprinted for sale in pamphlet form.

A list of titles of graduate theses in religious education below the doctoral level has been compiled and will be available in mimeographed form for use by Council committees, staff, professors, graduate students, and others.

The research staff assisted the United Christian Youth Movement in statistical work involved in computing the scores of entries in the Parshad College Scholarship competition.

The associate director responded to an emergency request for service in connection with the Protestant report for the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth.

CONTINUING STUDIES ON WHICH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN 1950

Plans and materials for the Study of Youth Work in Protestant Churches were revised and completed during the year and approved by the Committee on Religious Education of Youth and the Research Advisory Committee. Studies of youth work will be made in at least two hundred and not more than three hundred churches. Twenty-one professors of religious education have already begun working with their students, and nine others have indicated an interest in cooperating. Several national youth directors are participating in the study.

The Subcommittee on Evaluation, appointed by the Committee on Church School Administration to work with the research staff, has been able to meet only once during the past year. This committee is studying more effective means of testing, measuring, and otherwise evaluating achievement in religious education, from the standpoint of both the individual pupil and the total local church program of Christian education. Since the last meeting of the committee, several members have been at work on individual experimental work and recommendations made to the Committee on Church School Administration have been considered by that body.

NEW STUDIES APPROVED IN 1950

A study of types of leadership education being conducted by denominations and state councils, in addition to the Standard Curriculum, was requested by the age-level and leadership education departments of the Council. A great deal of information has been provided and has been partially tabulated by the research staff. When completed, this study should provide data regarding the functional approach to leadership education being made by our various cooperating groups.

A study of In-Service Training of Ministers was referred to the Research Advisory Committee by the Joint Committee on Education for Lay and Professional Christian Service. Requests for information have been made of seminaries, boards of Christian education and other denominational boards, state councils, and other agencies providing such training. The focus of the study is on the training being offered in Christian education.

A Study of Denominational Programs of Audio-Visual Education which will provide, for the first time, comprehensive information of value to the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education and to the denominational boards, is being conducted by Professor Ernest Tiemann of the School of Education, Indiana University, as a doctoral study.

The research staff is cooperating with a joint committee from CREY and CREC in the study of the problem of transition from the children's to the youth division of the church school. A preliminary survey has been made to discover church and secular agencies which have studied this problem, and the committee is now attempting to secure from national denominational departments of children's and youth work and from selected local church leaders information as to (1) the extent of the problem; (2) efforts being made to deal with the problem; (3) the type of research and other assistance most desired by workers with children and youth in meeting the problem.

In addition to work which might properly be called "research," the

associate director has, during the past year, served as staff executive for the Joint Committee from Associated Sections, edited the Roster and Directory Sections of the *Yearbook*, served as staff representative for the Religious Drama Workshop, and carried responsibilities in connection with establishing quotas and securing the appointments of members to the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education.

With the constituting of the National Council of Churches, the research work formerly conducted by the International Council of Religious Education moved into a new relationship in the Central Department of Research and Survey. At the first meeting of the Central Department on January 15, the standing committee on Christian education research was appointed, carrying over the responsibilities and most of the personnel of the former Advisory Committee on Research. Jesse Ziegler will serve as chairman of this committee.

Helen J. Spaulding

Associate Director in Research

Vacation Religious Education

Department of Vacation Religious Education



SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS of unusual significance have taken place during the year. Since the personnel in the Committee on Vacation Religious Education overlaps to a large extent with that of the Committee on Religious Education of Children, the two committees united for their October meeting. As a result of this experience, it was decided to merge the two committees. Therefore, it seemed a good time also to merge the two departments of Vacation Religious Education and Children's Work. This merger took place at the time of the merger of the International Council into the National Council of Churches. It is felt that this will strengthen the total program of children's work and make for integration in it of summertime activities, including vacation church schools.

It was fitting that the climax of the separate department and committee should come when the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the vacation church school movement is lifting up the importance of this phase of our work.

The Vacation Religious Education Associated Section voted to merge with the Children's Work Section and the meeting will be held jointly next year.

The Fiftieth Anniversary celebration stepped up the field work program for the department. The director served in seventeen city and county council meetings, four state council meetings including two conventions, thirty-seven city and county committee meetings, twelve state council

committees, and had special conferences in Atlanta and Toronto. She also had special responsibilities at the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto. The Cleveland merger meeting and the White House Conference for Children and Youth had special significance also.

The training programs in state councils are continuing to increase in significance and importance. Since better leadership training for vacation school work is one purpose of the celebration, we feel that this is meeting a great need. The Research Department discovered that in 1949 there were 546,517 leaders reported in vacation school work. They also found that there were 4,045,598 children registered. This is an incomplete report, but indicates an increase in enrollment.

Appreciation is due to a great many people for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, among them the following: the chairmen of the two committees, Ralph Mould and Mildred Widber, for their splendid leadership in the planning; the fourteen denominations who made the extra work possible by their underwriting of the anniversary budget; the students of Otterbein College and their director, Marion Chase, for the dramatic elements in the Sunday evening worship service at the annual meeting; all the Section members who worked so hard on all the different phases of the annual meeting work; the various departments of our staff who have cooperated in making this a splendid occasion; the Evangelical and Reformed and Methodist groups who have made possible the two fine new filmstrips for vacation church school work.

It is hoped that this Fiftieth Anniversary will be only the beginning of a much more important work for the vacation church schools in the future.

Ruth Elizabeth Murphy

Director

Committee on Vacation Religious Education

Two regular and one special meeting of the Committee on Vacation Religious Education were held during the year—one on October 2-5, 1950 at the Northern Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin; a special meeting in connection with the International Children's Work Conference and the World Council on Christian Education convention at Toronto, Ontario, Canada on August 10, 1950; and a regular meeting on February 14 and 15, 1951 in Columbus, Ohio.

The special committee was to approve plans and materials for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration which had been developed since the February meeting. The regular meetings were in themselves unusual, since they were held jointly with the Committee on Religious Education of Children. They were excellent meetings and proved to the leaders involved that this was a good way to function.

Now that most of the denominations have combined their vacation church school work with their departments of children's work, it was deemed a good time to combine the work of these two committees in our

Council. Therefore, with the creation of the new National Council and its Division of Christian Education, the new committee was formed. It will be the Committee on Children's Work and Vacation Religious Education.

There has never been a greater response or a greater spirit of cooperative endeavor than that displayed this year as the committee developed plans for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation School Movement. They have felt that it was most important to call attention to the significant purposes of this observance, namely, to claim the summer for the church, and to develop more and better vacation schools to reach more boys and girls. A celebration program was developed to challenge each local church and each local neighborhood to have some type of celebration that would highlight the importance of these purposes. A dramatic worship service was developed for the use of the local church and for the neighborhood.

A series of interesting materials was produced. The items already mentioned were published in the Fiftieth Birthday *Program Guide*; the slogan "Fifty Years and a Future" is lifted up in the poster and postcard; the promotional flier is an outline of the various phases of the celebration; and various articles were published in cooperation with other groups.

The special issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* made possible a wide distribution of additional resource material for the celebration as well as lifting up the purposes and standards for which it stands.

The Cooperative Publication Association made it possible to have the three new textbooks on the area, the church, produced in time to use them on this anniversary theme in 1951. The Cooperative Publication Association also lifted up the anniversary theme in its leaflet describing the cooperative vacation church school texts.

It is with appreciation that the committee notes that this cooperative series has now added a new text on the area of study, the Bible, and the first of the broadly graded two weeks' texts with pupil's materials.

The committee is now studying how it will be possible to strengthen the leadership training program for this summer's opportunities. Plans are being laid for a follow-up to the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

Appreciation is due to a great many people for carrying through this program, and for carrying on the regular work of the year. A vote of appreciation was sent to the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools for its fine support. Some others receiving the special gratitude of the committee were: the Home Missions Council for its cooperation on the Service Project for Migrant Camps, the Research Department for its 1949 statistics, the various Sections for their fine programs during the Annual Meeting, and all of the state, city, county and local neighborhood groups and councils, as well as the denominations who are cooperating to make the Fiftieth Anniversary really count for the Christian education of boys and girls.

RALPH N. MOULD, *Chairman*

RUTH ELIZABETH MURPHY, *Executive Secretary*

Weekday Religious Education

Department of Weekday Religious Education



HIS PAST YEAR has been a gratifying one for this department. As evidence the following items are reported to summarize and supplement the activities reported by the committee.

1. The program of weekday religious education is "staging a comeback." With gradual clarification of the situation, increased confidence has come. It is our belief that the total number of pupils now attending classes is practically equal to the pre-Champaign figure. The legal situation is continuing to be favorable. The public—including many critics—seems to understand more clearly the central feature of the program, the right of parents to have their children excused for religious education during the time allotted to education.

2. Among the department services these may be mentioned: the development and issuance of a half dozen pieces of new literature; a number of reports and articles on the current situation; the production of a filmstrip; assistance in the survey of weekday classes at the high school level; and discovering and helping to place qualified workers. This department has also given a limited amount of service in the area of religion and public education.

3. The director of the department has made sixteen visits to counsel local weekday systems and shared in fourteen area conferences, ten national in scope and four under state council direction. Some three hundred personal consultations have been held on the field and in the office.

The director appreciates the generous assistance of the Committee on Weekday Religious Education and the Weekday Religious Education Section, their chairmen, Dr. Richard Hoiland and the Rev. Ralph Carmichael; and also the services of his assistant, Miss Lois McClure, in the department activities of the past twelve months.

Director

Committee on Weekday Religious Education

The Committee on Weekday Religious Education reports an amount and quality of work done equalling, if not exceeding, those of previous years. The spirit of fellowship among the members is decidedly evident, strengthened undoubtedly both by the recent period of concern and by a new feeling of optimism for the future of the weekday religious education movement.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The background for the committee's work this past year included these facts: (1) The legal situation continues to be favorable. (2) The movement has shown great survival strength and popular favor. (3) The necessary adjustments in program are being carried out in most communities. (4) There are encouraging increases in the number of resumptions, new programs, and pupils enrolled. (5) Public school staffs in communities where there are weekday programs are decidedly favorable. (6) The denominations are voicing their belief in the program. (7) The future of the movement is primarily dependent upon its own "I.Q."—internal quality.

Significant happenings the past year include resolutions in favor of the program by two major denominations, the American Baptist Convention and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches; three favorable decisions by the New York courts in the Brooklyn Case; and an editorial heartily approving this decision appearing in the *Christian Century* for July 12, 1950.

WORK PROJECTS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee of Weekday Religious Education reports several pieces of work finished, others in process, and still others to be undertaken.

It has completed within the past year a mimeographed service bulletin on the use of church centers. It has also finished its work on a companion bulletin on the use of parent request cards. A weekday teachers' guide has been developed. The Committee on Weekday Religious Education is pleased with the completion of the new promotional filmstrip, "Remember the Weekday—To Teach Religion Thereon" and a User's Guide to accompany it. It believes that this filmstrip will be very useful in publicizing the program.

The committee is gratified to know that the study of weekday religious education on the high school level by Miss Lois McClure has been completed. The Committee on Weekday Religious Education looks forward to making a careful study of the interesting data which she has gathered.

The committee has completed the draft of a popular leaflet on the recruitment of weekday teachers to be distributed in colleges and conferences. It has also made suggestions for the registering and placement of weekday teachers by the Department of Weekday Religious Education.

The committee has prepared a form to guide local sponsoring organizations in selecting and supervising new teachers. It is intended to be used in connection with the newly published "Standards for Weekday Church Schools." Further help in this area is available in the reprint of an article previously requested by the committee, "When You Employ a Weekday Teacher."

The committee is working on the revision of Service Bulletin #620, "Choosing a Course of Study for Your Weekday Church School." It is securing multiple evaluations by teachers of each of the texts and reference books available. The texts in the area of "Christian Interpretation of the Universe" have now been rated and those in other areas have been assigned to the committee members for evaluation.

EMERGING TRENDS IN THE COMMITTEE'S PLANNING

At the meetings of the Committee on Weekday Religious Education this past year there emerged a number of exceedingly important new trends which will affect its future program and work.

1. The "defensive" attitude, which has understandingly marked the committee's activities the past five years, is now giving place to one of assurance, of forward looking, and of constructive planning. This was exemplified in the action taken to reconstitute the former Committee on Strategy as a Committee on Public Relations and Promotion and assign it a much broader task.

2. One outcome of this new attitude was the expressed need for an aggressive and discriminating promotion of the weekday movement. While it is generally accepted that the program has clearly been an indigenous one, there are several conditions which now call for an educational selling program. In this connection considerable time of the committee was given to planning a new type of literature. One projected piece is a promotional leaflet for local community use; another, a proposed "Statement of Faith in Weekday Religious Education," which it is hoped may have the collective and individual backing of the denominational educational executives; a third, a teacher recruiting leaflet which should have wide circulation. It was recognized that these materials are not of the sales literature type, that they ought to be available for widespread free distribution, and that in some way funds must be secured for their publication.

3. Another outcome of the passing of the attitude of uncertainty was reflected in the committee's conviction that there should be a more positive commitment to the weekday religious education program by the denominations. It is now evident that weekday religious education is no longer just "a Protestant experiment." The opportunity afforded by this type of Christian education program must be seized without delay. Attitudes of wait-and-see and of taking the program for granted are now no longer tenable. The thinking and planning of the Committee on Weekday Religious Education envisions a clear awareness and acceptance of this kind of cooperative church school as definitely a part of the local church's total Christian education program and its active promotion as such by both local churches and by denominations.


4. A most welcome attitude toward the Cooperative Series of Weekday Church School Texts has come to the fore this year. The committee expressed a decided determination to recommend them and to promote their use just as widely as possible. This bodes well for a higher quality of local curriculum and also for an increased use of the Cooperative Publication Association courses, which should encourage this organization to speed up the production of new texts for the weekday field.

RICHARD HOILAND, *Chairman*

ERWIN L. SHAVER, *Executive Secretary*

Young People's Work

Department of Young People's Work

HE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY during 1950 was the refinement and final approval of The Call to United Christian Youth Action. Laying a good foundation for this challenging program was in many ways the fitting climax to the many years of faithful service and wise leadership which Dr. Isaac K. Beckes gave to cooperative Christian youth work in North America. Following his resignation in May, 1950, the administrative responsibility for the department was ably carried by the Reverend Dennis Savage, Associate Director. In September, 1950, the Reverend A. Wilson Cheek became Director of the Department.

Though The Call looms large in any youth report since its beginning in 1949, there were many other noteworthy activities. Chief among these were projects of the Committee on Junior High Work and the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences, executive leadership for both being lodged in the Department of Young People's Work.

Formation of the National Council of Churches brought with it opportunities for expanding the usefulness of the department, particularly in the authorization of a coordinating committee on young people's work. This committee will enable all phases of work related to youth carried on in the various units of the National Council to be coordinated. An informal meeting to make plans for the permanent committee pointed toward mutually helpful relationships.

A real step forward was taken by the Joint Committee on a United Strategy for Youth Work in the formulation of a report suggesting concrete ways of bringing together the work of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the United Christian Youth Movement. The report is before the constituent bodies of both groups for study, looking toward some final action in February, 1952.



Director



Associate Director

Committee on Religious Education of Youth

Two well-attended meetings of the Committee on Religious Education of Youth were held during the past year: one at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 1-4, 1950; the other at Columbus, Ohio, February 14-15, 1951.

Dr. Gilbert F. Close, Jr. presided over these meetings, having replaced Dr. Oliver Cummings as chairman. The Rev. A. Wilson Cheek began as executive secretary with the fall meeting, replacing Dr. Isaac K. Beckes. Both the new chairman and new executive secretary, and the many new members of the committee, along with the old members, are especially grateful for the fine leadership rendered by Dr. Cummings and Dr. Beckes through the past years. It has been gratifying to see the several new denominational youth directors come into the membership of the committee and so quickly grasp its program and plunge enthusiastically into the work of its subcommittees.

The completed study of denominational youth programs, under way for the past two years, revealed that the major problem in the field of Christian youth work is the "insufficient number of alert, interested and trained adult leaders." This has given added emphasis to an importance of the work of our subcommittee on leadership education. The committee is developing a pattern for a series of training institutes to be served by teams of denominational leaders of youth. It is proposed that the institutes be held for them on successive evenings, with the program built around major areas of youth work as set forth in the common commission plan recommended by the United Christian Youth Movement.

The development of the "common commission plan" holds promise of helpful correlation and coordination of youth programs among the denominations and in turn through United Christian Youth Councils at every level. The plan, recommended by the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement after thorough study of all denominational youth fellowships, calls for the following five commissions: Christian Faith, Christian Witness, Christian World Outreach, Christian Citizenship, and Christian Fellowship.

The study of denominational youth programs also revealed that the main point of strength in the present program is that it leads "youth into a more responsible relationship in the living Church."

The subcommittee on junior high work has been working closely with the intermediate subcommittee of the Committee on Graded Series in a Study of the Objectives of Christian Education in the field of junior high work. This joint committee met in Anderson, Indiana, January 22-26, 1951 and finished the first complete draft of objectives. The result of this intensive study will undoubtedly cause progressive changes in junior high work.

The same spiritual depth that characterized the work of the General Council of the UCYM on The Call to United Christian Youth Action permeated the deliberations of CREY. Without exception, there is evidence of enthusiastic cooperation among the adult leaders of youth in carrying forward plans for The Call. The denominations, state councils, and the International Society of Christian Endeavor have advanced more than \$65,000 to help promote The Call, to which the Division of Christian Education has added \$30,000. Although \$25,000 is yet needed, there is every reasonable assurance that The Call will be successful in enlisting at least one million young people during Youth Week, 1952. Their response to The Call will be in terms of a deepened commitment to Christianity, a contribution of one dollar, and a pledge to participate in a community program of united Christian youth action including youth evangelism,

projects of service, and studies in world citizenship. Plans are under way through a series of committees to have specific programs in these respective fields ready immediately following The Call.

A joint committee on Youth Evangelism is one of the most significant developments in connection with The Call, as well as the continuing youth program. Under the joint auspices of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement, and the Committee on the Religious Education of Youth, the committee is composed of nine young people and nine adults. Staff leadership for this program will likely be provided by the Joint Department of Evangelism until The Call, with responsibility being shared thereafter.

The Committee on the Religious Education of Youth has followed with interest and given guidance to certain phases of the development of plans for United Fellowship of Protestants in the armed services. The director of this program will be administratively related to the General Commission on Chaplains. There will be very close functional relationships with CREY and the General Council of the UCYM.

There is a keen awareness of the needs of our youth amid the uncertainties of today and the Committee on the Religious Education of Youth is earnestly seeking ways of helping meet the needs and to underscore at every point the certainty and truth of the Christian gospel. Our century seems to have been a series of crises, but these days seem more critical than any heretofore. They demand intensified efforts for the Christian education of youth. The members of CREY pray for the guidance and strength of Christ that in His spirit we may meet the challenging demands of the hour.

GILBERT F. CLOSE, *Chairman*

A. WILSON CHEEK, *Executive Secretary*

The United Christian Youth Movement

The work of the United Christian Youth Movement gained new significance in 1950, for its cooperating churches, state councils, and youth serving agencies gave more time to leadership in ministering to the needs of youth through cooperative efforts. The emphasis for 1950-51, "The Church in the Community," was closely related to the home missions theme of the churches.

YOUTH COUNCIL SERVICES

Besides the regular field services, ECUVANS (Ecumenical Caravans) have been developed in many state youth councils. These groups, composed of carefully selected young people, received special training in organizing local UCYM councils and educating and interesting communities in the ecumenical work of the Church.

Seven Regional Conferences were sponsored in the summer of 1950. Outstanding young people and their adult leaders received special training in the philosophy and methods of cooperative youth work.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE UCYM

Josh L. Wilson, III, was elected chairman of the Pacific Southwest Region. The Central Region selected James Swinehart. Robert Reed was chosen to represent the Eastern Region. These young men will serve for two years.

SOCIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Social Education and the Department of Intergroup Relations were combined under the leadership of Miss Jean Alexander at the close of the year. The Reverend Robert L. Tesdell resigned as director of the department to assume duties as Executive Secretary of the Council on Student Travel. Under Mr. Tesdell's leadership, this department has made great progress in the past few years.

A Commission on World Youth Projects was organized to help Christian youth realize the established church channels through which they can give assistance and encouragement to Christian youth work in other parts of the world.

Intergroup seminars were held in twenty communities. These seminars have brought together young people from various racial and religious groups and given them a living experience in intergroup understanding which developed leaders in this important field. The Anti-Defamation League has given valuable assistance to this work.

COMMISSION ON YOUTH SERVICE PROJECTS

On October 12-15, the Fifth Conference on Voluntary Service was held at New Windsor, Maryland, bringing together national administrators, local project directors, and selected youth volunteers for three days of evaluation and planning.

Invest Your Summer—1950, a comprehensive and annotated catalog of youth service projects, circulated over twenty-five thousand copies.

YOUTH WEEK AND THE PARSHAD AWARDS

Youth Week, 1950, "God Designs—Youth Builds!" was observed in an increasing number of communities according to news clippings and literature sales. There is growing evidence of advance planning for this great Protestant celebration on the part of denominational and interdenominational groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Parshad Awards were presented by the donors, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Avery of Malden, Massachusetts, to the national winners, Miss Carol Hoff and Mr. Charles Wilson, at a National Awards Dinner held during the UCYM Central Regional Conference, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Special banquets were held in each UCYM Regional Conference to honor the regional winners. State councils have been securing college scholarships for state winners.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The UCYM was well represented by outstanding youth and adult leaders in this great conference which is held every ten years. This was the first time young people were invited to participate. Since the youth made

such a fine contribution, it is certain that they will be given more opportunities to help in the plans and concerns of needs of children and youth in our country.

GENERAL

The UCYM appreciated the fine work of the Reverend W. G. Fisher in the Eastern Regional Office and regretted his resignation to become Minister of Education of Trinity Methodist Church, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Of course, The Call to United Christian Youth Action has been the major work and concern of the UCYM. Everyone has given a tremendous amount of time and energy to the advancement of this great program, which seeks to enlist a million youth and their adult leaders in a deepened commitment to Christ by dedicating their time, talents, and dollars to united Christian youth action in the community, state, nation, and world.

WILLIAM E. BARRICK, *Chairman*

A. WILSON CHEEK, *Executive Secretary*

DENNIS SAVAGE, *Associate Executive Secretary*

Other Program Committees

Special Committee on Camps and Conferences

The Special Committee on Camps and Conferences met at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, March 26-28, 1950. Members of the Executive Committee served as consultants to the Subcommittee on Camps and Conferences of the Age Group Committee at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 7-9, 1950.

The committee has reorganized its procedures for serving all of the interests in the field of church camps and conferences. Training conferences for leaders in junior camping were sponsored by the Committee on Religious Education of Children, assisted by members of the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences.

Final plans are being developed for the Special Session for Church Camp Leaders to be conducted by National Camp in cooperation with the Special Committee. The date is August 20-September 17, 1951. This session promises to advance the field of church camping.

The committee is cooperating with the American Camping Association to interest more church leaders in the field of camping and to help other camp leaders realize the importance of meeting special needs in camping. A display on church camping materials has been prepared for use in conventions and training sessions on camping.

Promotional materials have been well received. A folder on Day Camping, an attractive camps' and conferences' poster, and a counselor application blank have been published. The Subcommittee on Camping of the Committee on Religious Education of Children has published a manual.

Two reprints from the *International Journal of Religious Education*, "Why Send Them to a Church Camp?" and "Why Send Them to Summer Conference?" have gone into a second printing. A filmstrip on promoting the importance of camp counselors has been developed and widely used throughout the country.

The committee is working on the preparation of outlines for guidance materials in church camping in cooperation with the Committee on Graded Series and the Cooperative Publication Association. This is a tremendous task but the denominational and agency leaders in the field of camps and conferences are meeting the challenge with a real interest and concern.

EDWARD L. SCHLINGMAN, *Chairman*

DENNIS SAVAGE, *Executive Secretary*

Joint Committee on Education for Lay and Professional Christian Service

During the year, the work of the Joint Committee was carried forward along several lines although there was not a meeting of the committee as a whole.

The Research Department of the Council, at the request of the Joint Committee, carried on a study of in-service training opportunities provided for ministers. This study is being compiled, will be studied by the committee in its next meeting, and will be the basis for appropriate suggestions and recommendations.

Through the American Association of Colleges a study is being carried forward on "What Makes a Christian College."

The newly-formed Association of Theological Professors in the Practical Field has been asked to consider ways in which training may be given for specialized forms of professional Christian service.

It is expected that the Joint Committee will hold one further meeting to review these various developments and that its work will then be carried forward by appropriate units of the National Council of Churches.

LEE J. GABLE, *Executive Secretary*

Reports of Other Council Committees

Standard Bible Committee

The second review of the existing drafts of the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament was begun at a meeting held at the Yale University Divinity School, December 14-22, 1949. The members in attendance were Bewer, Burrows, Dahl, Hyatt, Irwin, James, May, Muilenburg, Orlinsky, Taylor, and Weigle. Subsequent meetings were held at Yale, June 18-30, 1950; at the Hotel Northfield, East Northfield, Massachusetts, August 20-26, 1950; and at Yale, November 3-5, November 10-12, November 24-26, and December 13-23, 1950. The attendance was as follows:

June 18-30—Burrows, Dahl, Hyatt, Irwin, James, May, Muilenburg, Orlinsky, Taylor, Waterman, and Weigle

August 20-26—Bewer, Dahl, James, May, Muilenburg, Taylor, and Weigle

November 3-5—Burrows, Dahl, James, May, Muilenburg, Orlinsky, and Weigle

November 10-12—Burrows, Dahl, James, May, Orlinsky, and Weigle

November 24-26—Bewer, Burrows, James, May, Muilenburg, Taylor, and Weigle

December 13-23—Bewer, Burrows, Dahl, James, May, Muilenburg, Orlinsky, Taylor, and Weigle

The final work of preparing the manuscript for publication was entrusted to an editorial committee consisting of Burrows, James, and Weigle. The schedule calls for a final meeting of the Old Testament Section in June, 1951. Delivery of the manuscript to the publishers is to begin on April 1, 1951, and further installments will be delivered as rapidly as the editorial committee completes work upon them. The final date for the delivery of the completed manuscript of the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament is September 30, 1951—one year before the date set for publication in September, 1952.

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, *Chairman*

Committee on the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance

Steady progress has been made during the calendar year of 1950 by the standing and executive committees for the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance. While not all has been accomplished that was planned, the committees themselves have moved forward in their work in such a way as to assure that their products will be made available and in the hands of the proper persons by the spring of 1951. These include materials for denominational boards on the one hand, planned for Rally Sunday, Youth Fellowships, and pastors, and, on the other hand, materials for community

committees setting up the three thousand simultaneous observances scheduled for Tuesday of Observance Week.

The Executive Secretary feels embarrassed at the point of having to report that his own time and energies were siphoned off on September 1, 1950 from his many ICRE responsibilities by the Planning Committee of the National Council of Churches. As a result, extended fall field trips on behalf of the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance had to be omitted.

However, we are pleased to report that, with the coming to the staff of the Division of Christian Education of the Rev. H. Leroy Bringer on December 1, 1950, the field program has gone into "high gear." Mr. Bringer has already been in nine states, and, according to present plans, will be in fifteen others during March and April. Just as soon as he has worked out agreements with state councils of churches, he will spend a block of time in the south and southwest under the direction of the Christian education staffs of denominations, opening up those states largely through contacts with ministerial associations and councils of church women.

Mr. Bringer has come to a newly-created position in the Division of Christian Education, his department being named "Educational Promotion." In his portfolio he will carry four definite responsibilities previously held by Mr. Landers, and, in addition, he will give guidance and counsel to other departments in the Division of Christian Education until the time when the Bible Observance will have been concluded. After that, on the basis of present plans, new assignments will be his in the field of educational promotion.

Mr. Bringer is a veteran in the interdenominational work, having come to us from the staff of the Pennsylvania Council of Christian Education, where he was Director of Leadership Education and Church School Administration. He has also been responsible for heading up and conducting several of the National Christian Teaching Missions held in that state, working with Dr. Harry H. Kalas in this enterprise. Previous to going to the Pennsylvania Council, Mr. Bringer was for four years Director of Public Relations for Albright College. He is a minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and has held several local pastorates.


In relinquishing the directorship of this important enterprise in the Division of Christian Education, Mr. Landers will continue to assist in determining policy, but, in all other relationships, questions and correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Bringer or to Miss Margaret Lawson, his assistant. All of us owe a special debt of gratitude to Miss Lawson, who has been related to this project since its inception, and who is giving untiringly of her time and talents week in and week out.

As we look into 1951 we see a more than full calendar in preparation for the 1952 Bible Observance, but we believe that with the interest, enthusiasm, and cooperation that is increasingly being manifest by denominational and interdenominational leaders alike, both clerical and lay, we will be ready a year from now for the final steps to be taken that will make the week of September 28, 1952, a deeply spiritual and historic period in the life of Protestant churches, both in this country and in Canada.

LOVICK PIERCE, *Chairman*

PHILIP C. LANDERS, *Executive Secretary*

Committee on Newspaper Lesson Syndication

HE BIBLE SPEAKS, our lesson column for weekly newspapers written by Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, professor of doctrinal theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, is syndicated for us by Western Newspaper Union. In addition, our department works with ministerial groups in towns where the weekly paper carries no Sunday school lesson column. On December 31, 1950, there were 1,718 weekly newspapers using this column with a circulation of 2,065,645.

Because of the war situation and the difficulty newspapers were having to get newsprint, our column for daily newspapers, the Roy L. Smith Bible Lesson Column, has not grown as anticipated in 1950. However, we closed 1950 with eighty subscribers having a combined circulation of 2,026,880.

Sidewalk Sermons, companion feature to the lesson column for dailies, closed 1950 with twelve newspapers and a circulation of 111,373.

Much time and effort were given in 1950 to enlisting cooperation of individual and syndicate users of the outlines for lesson columns. This means that in addition to dailies we service with our own column, we now have granted licenses or have signed contracts that cover 311 daily newspapers serviced by syndicates or writers other than ourselves.

Mail promotion is carried on continuously to editors, ministers and lay leaders in communities with daily papers. Much of this is individual correspondence, with special promotional mailings to prospects each six-week period.

Mrs. Helen Cantley has continued calling on editors, ministers and lay leaders. In 1950 she visited eighty-two communities in thirteen states. Courtesy calls on customers were included wherever possible, as results show personal visitation makes for good customer relationships, adding greatly to their interest in the features and often curtailing cancellations.

Two payments on the \$5,700.52 of underwriting furnished by twenty-three publishing houses and the ICRE for the department have been made out of balances at the end of fiscal years. First payment was made on pro rata basis March 10, 1950, in the sum of \$1,431.80. Second payment in the sum of \$1,422.98 was made on January 30, 1951. Two additional payments are planned for 1952 and 1953.

In dealing with commercial newspapers, this committee believes that a trade name would be more satisfactory. Therefore, with the entrance of ICRE into the National Council of Churches, it seemed to be the proper time to make the change. On recommendation of our committee, the name "National Council Religious Features" was approved by the former ICRE Board of Trustees and at Cleveland by the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

Because your staff director was given an assignment in the new National Council which takes him into the General Administration under the General Secretary of the Council, it has been necessary to turn over many of his former duties to others. However, by permission granted by Dr. Cavert and Dr. Ross, he will assist the new director in policy-making relationships within the department.

Rev. H. Leroy Brininger was called on December 1, 1950, to the director-

ship of the newly-created department in the Division of Christian Education called "Educational Promotion." Mr. Brininger has been in ICRE circles for many years and is personally acquainted with many of our leaders in member denominations and state and city councils. He comes to us from the Pennsylvania Council of Christian Education where he was director of leadership education and church school administration. Earlier he served four years as director of public relations at Albright College and has held pastorates in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Pennsylvania.

Your chairman, staff director and assistant look forward to a steady growth of our services to newspapers under the leadership of Mr. Brininger as we continue to build confidence among editors and publishers in our organization and features.

ROY W. BELFORD, *Chairman*

PHILIP C. LANDERS, *Director*

HELEN CANTLEY, *Assistant Director*

Report of the Commission on Educational Program

October 1950 Actions



THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM met on the grounds of the Northern Baptist Assembly on October 7, 8 and 9, according to a previously arranged schedule which reduced by one full day the total time of many who attended committee meetings the preceding week. There was an unusually good attendance and a heavy docket for this the last session of the Commission on Educational Program. We bring this report to the International Council at this meeting rather than delaying it until February for two reasons. Final actions may thus be taken two months earlier than would otherwise be the case. It is fitting, moreover, that the Commission on Educational Program make the report of its last sessions to the last session of the International Council rather than to the first session of the Commission on General Christian Education. We bring the report in two sections, information items and recommendations.

Information

A number of Council departments do not have attached to them educational committees, yet some of the most important work of the Council is carried on through these departments. The Commission heard with appreciation of the work in Research Services from Helen F. Spaulding, in Public Relations from Lemuel Petersen, in Lesson Syndication from Philip C. Landers, and in English Bible from John C. Trever.

There are a number of Council enterprises which perform a valuable service to our constituency and which are administered by members of the Council staff. The Commission heard reports of such projects, including the Religious Drama Workshop from the chairman of the Council's committee, Richard Hoiland, and the staff executive, Helen F. Spaulding; and the Revised Standard Version Bible Observance from Philip C. Landers.

The numerous meetings held at Toronto, Ontario, in July and August, under the auspices of the World Council of Christian Education and the International Council, provided a great impetus to the cause of Christian education in the United States and Canada. The Commission heard helpful reports of these meetings from Mildred Widber, John B. Ketcham, Alice L. Goddard, David I. Forsyth, and Gerald E. Knoff.

Members of the Commission experienced a sense of loss as it became known that Hazel A. Lewis, long time member and friend of the International Council, was meeting in the Commission for the last time. An expression of appreciation for her distinguished services to the cause of Christ was adopted.

Looking forward to these Cleveland sessions, the Commission heard a presentation of the structure of the National Council of Churches and the place in it of the educational work of the churches.

In response to a request of the meeting of October, 1949, a comprehensive presentation was made of the work of the Department of Curriculum Development and of the two lesson committees. C. A. Bowen, John L. Fairly, and Mildred A. Magnuson helped the members of the Commission see the scope and outreach of our two lesson series in a presentation which we wish every member of the Council might hear and see.

The Commission welcomed its new members, including Oscar J. Rumpf, new chairman of the Committee on Religious Education of Adults; Gilbert Close, new chairman of the Committee on Religious Education of Youth; Joseph J. Hanson, chairman of the Special Committee on Education for Christian Family Life; John S. Groenfeldt; Leonard A. Stidley; and two new International Council staff members—A. Wilson Cheek, newly appointed Director of Young People's Work and Executive Secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement, and Virgil E. Foster, newly appointed Editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education*.

In addition to the above matters, the Commission took the following actions which are reported here for information for the benefit of the members of the Council.

1. It heard an announcement by the Associate Director in Research that charts of Christian education statistics are available to the members of our staffs of our educational boards.

2. It heard a recommendation from the Committee on Church School Administration that Associated Sections of the International Council consider in their programs the close relationship between effective teaching and adequate building and equipment. It gave instructions to the Committee on Church School Administration for the reprinting of *The Local Church Board of Christian Education*, *The International Standard for the Sunday Church School* with its accompanying *Scoring Chart*, and *Sunday School Superintendent's Problem Finder*, all of these materials being existing approved materials of the International Council.

3. It heard a report of progress from the Committee to Establish Standards for the Laboratory School and from the Committee on Education for Lay and Professional Christian Service, and a report from the secretary of the Commission about previously approved procedures for the approval of the United Christian Youth Movement manual on the alcohol question.

4. It heard a report of the formation of the Special Committee on the Curriculum Guide for the Local Church and instructed this committee in its first meeting scheduled for Cleveland, December 2 and 3, to report its interpretation of the nature of the proposed guide and the reading public for whom it should be written.

5. It heard a report about the progress of plans for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement and of the successful joint sessions held by the Committee on Vacation Religious Education with the Committee on Religious Education of Children, approving a similar joint meeting for February, 1951.

6. It heard an encouraging report of progress on the Call to United Christian Youth Action and about proposals for common denominational

youth fellowship commissions. It gave permission for work to begin on a junior high camp program guide, "The Christian Community," and for suggestions to be made for a kit of materials to be used by the Commission on Youth Service Projects.

7. It heard a report from the chairman of the Committee on the Graded Series expressing the critical need for developing procedures to provide curriculum materials for community, neighborhood, and similar non-denominational and interdenominational churches and church schools organized to serve emergency housing areas. Asked to explore ways by which a committee, representing the Division of Christian Education of the National Council and representative leaders of community and neighborhood churches and similar churches and church schools might confer for the purpose of meeting such needs, the Commission referred the problem to the staff of the International Council for further consideration and later reference to the Commission.

8. It approved the preparation of a pamphlet on "The Beginning Teacher," the contents of which are to be reprints of a series of *International Journal* articles.

9. It approved the participation of the members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children in reviewing content for children's religious records in accordance with already established Council procedures and gave permission for the Committee on Religious Education of Children to begin the preparation of a pamphlet on the use of projected and non-projected visual materials with children.

10. It heard and approved plans for a joint committee to study the goals for the Christian education of junior high boys and girls, this joint committee to be composed of members of the Committee on Religious Education of Children, the Committee on the Graded Series, and the Committee on Religious Education of Youth.

11. It heard with regret of the resignation of Dr. Forrest Weir of the Southeastern Inter-Council Office who is to become the Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Council of Churches and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

12. It heard a report from the chairman and staff executive of the Committee on Weekday Religious Education, Dr. Richard Hoiland and Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, dealing with the current legal situation and with the present scope and outreach of the weekday movement.

13. It instructed the secretary to write a letter of appreciation to the Cooperative Publishing Association* for what it has accomplished and for its cooperation with the Council's educational committees.

14. It acted on behalf of the Council in giving final approval to outlines prepared by the Committee on the Uniform Series and by the Committee on the Graded Series as follows:

Uniform Lesson Outlines for 1953

Home Daily Bible Readings for 1953

Cycle Graded Lesson Outlines, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior for 1952-1953

* Now called the Cooperative Publication Association.

Society Topics for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior-Older Youth for 1952-1953

Junior Closely Graded Lesson Outlines

A Description for "A Book for Home Use on Christian Family Life"

Vacation Church School Curriculum Outlines:

Primary: "Long Ago in Palestine" (10 sessions)

Primary: "Jesus Went About Doing Good" (10 sessions)

Primary: "Living as Friends of Jesus" (10 sessions)

Younger Children: "The Lord God Made Them All" (10 sessions)

Older Children: "The Earth Is the Lord's" (10 sessions)

Junior: "Bible Lands and People" (20 sessions)

Recommendations

The following items come to the International Council from the standing and special educational committees with the concurrent approval of the Commission on Educational Program.

From the Church-Agency Children and Youth Advisory Committee

That approval be given for the preparation of a manual setting forth relationships between character-building agencies for children and youth and churches.

From the Committee on Church School Administration

That, in the interest of common terminology and usage, the boards of education bring the following action of the International Council in February, 1950, to the attention of local churches and of organizations of directors:

"Voted that the Joint Committee suggest to its constituting bodies that persons who enter into professional church leadership in the field of religious education without graduate or seminary training be known as 'assistants in religious education,' and that the term 'director' or 'minister of education' be reserved for persons with professional training beyond the Bachelor's degree."

From the Commission Relating to the Joint Committee on Relationships Between the United Christian Youth Movement and the International Society of Christian Endeavor

That (1) we note with appreciation the careful work done by this joint committee; (2) that we adopt in principle Sections I and II as a commendable statement of working out of any union between the two groups; (3) that it is our judgment Section III will require much further consideration upon the part of the various interests represented on this committee; and (4) that the paper be transmitted to the appointing groups to the committee and the denominational executives for their comment, to be sent back to the joint committee who will bring back a report of findings with regard to any further steps possible.

From the Committee on Vacation Religious Education

That approval be given to a service project of the Vacation Church School Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration for sending of needed vacation church school supplies to migrant centers where the Home Missions Council is at work.

From the Committee on Religious Education of Youth

1. That the Committee on Religious Education of Youth be given permission to develop a program of evangelism in the field of cooperative youth work in cooperation with the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement and the Joint Department of Evangelism of the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
2. That approval be given to proceed with the development of the program in "Friends of Youth."
3. That permission be given for the development of the following new publications:
 - a. A four-page folder on "Preparing for Marriage and Home Life" instead of a previously authorized complete youth action guide, the folder to contain a statement of justification and purpose for united Christian youth action, suggestions for cooperative projects, and an extensive bibliography.
 - b. A series of leaflets on church-related vocations, organized into groups, and describing the job, the training necessary, and the expected qualifications.
 - c. Materials that describe the Christian implications of a number of important job groups such as: education, labor, agriculture, executive leadership, the professions, communications, and public service; this series of leaflets to interpret from the Christian viewpoint the personal and social significance of these occupations.

From the Special Committee on Educational Evangelism

That the "Manual for Community Directors" be approved with editorial revisions as suggested by a group of three readers.

From the Committee on Religious Education of Adults

1. That authorization be given for the holding in 1951 of a national Conference on Making the Adult Class Vital, clearance of schedule having been made with the Committee on Field Program.
2. That approval be given the projection of a national young adult summer conference for 1952.
3. That approval be given to the 1952 *Pages of Power*.

From the Committee on Religious Education of Children

1. That permission be given for a committee of the Committee on Religious Education of Children to confer with representatives of the Association on Childhood Education International regarding the

joint production of a folk songbook for juniors, all details of production and distribution to be approved by the International Council of Religious Education associate general secretary in charge of literature production.

2. That approval be given to the holding of a workshop on day camping during the summer of 1951.
3. That a committee of the Committee on Religious Education of Children be permitted to confer with the editorial board of *The Protestant World* in an advisory capacity only, regarding the children's section of that publication.
4. That the Protestant Radio Commission be provided with a copy of the primary and junior outlines for the Cycle and Closely Graded Series.

From the Committee on Field Program

1. That the following dates and places be approved for Children's Work Regional Conferences to be held during the Spring and Fall of 1951:

SPRING CONFERENCES

Virginia-North Carolina-Georgia-Florida

Richmond	April 3- 4
Durham	5- 6
Atlanta	9-10-11
Jacksonville	12-13
Orlando	16-17
Miami	18-19

Louisiana-Mississippi-Arkansas

New Orleans	April 2-3
Jackson	4-5
Little Rock	6-7

Texas

San Antonio	April 10-11-12
Houston	12-13
Dallas	16-17-18
Lubbock	19-20
San Angelo	23-24

Rhode Island-Maine-Canada

Providence	April 5- 6
Portland	9-10
Montreal	12-13

Pennsylvania-New York

Pittsburgh	April 3- 4
Philadelphia	5- 6
Syracuse	9-10

FALL CONFERENCES

Arizona-California-Oregon-Washington

Phoenix.....	October 15-16
Los Angeles.....	18-19
Oakland or Berkeley.....	20-21
Portland.....	25-26
Seattle.....	29-30

Iowa-Nebraska-Colorado-New Mexico-Texas

Des Moines.....	October 15-16-17
Lincoln or Hastings.....	18-19
Denver.....	22-23
Albuquerque (still in question).....	25-26
El Paso.....	29-30

North Dakota-Montana-Utah

Fargo.....	October 22-23
Billings.....	25-26
Salt Lake City.....	29-30

Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma

Kansas City, Missouri.....	October 17-18-19
Wichita.....	22-23
Oklahoma City.....	24-25 26

Michigan-Ohio-Indiana-Illinois

Detroit.....	October 15-16-17
Columbus.....	18-19
Indianapolis.....	22-23
Springfield.....	25-26

Alabama-Kentucky-West Virginia

Birmingham.....	October 15-16
Lexington.....	18-19
Charleston.....	22-23
Wheeling.....	24-25

2. That a workshop on day camping be held during the summer of 1951, specific dates to be cleared later.
3. That the seven regional United Christian Youth Movement conferences be held during the summer of 1952 as follows:
 - a. Southeastern, June 24-29, South Carolina (place tentative)
 - b. Southwestern, July 8-14, Dallas, Texas
 - c. Pacific Southwest, July 29 or 30—August 5 or 6, Los Angeles, California
 - d. Pacific Northwest, August 5-11, Cascade Locks, Oregon
 - e. Rocky Mountain, August 5-11, Colorado

- f. Eastern, August 13-25, Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire (date tentative)
- g. Central, August 13-25, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.
- 4. That the Fourth Quadrennial Christian Youth Conference of North America be held during the last five days of August 1952.
- 5. That Youth Week be observed in 1952, as the climax of the Call to United Christian Youth Action, the last Sunday in January to the first Sunday in February.
- 6. That seven or eight training programs for field workers on the Call to United Christian Youth Action be held during the spring and fall of 1951, with attention given to the avoiding of overlapping with the children's regional conferences.
- 7. That a workshop on camping be held during the spring of 1952.
- 8. That five to seven regional adult strategy conferences during the summer of 1952 be held, specific dates to be cleared later, on the general theme, "Making the Adult Class Vital."
- 9. That the Eighth International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education be held September 2-8, 1951, at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
- 10. That a five-day regional audio-visual workshop be held in cooperation with the Indiana State Council of Churches between Easter and May 5, 1951.
- 11. That the Drama Workshop be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 16-26, 1951.

From the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences

That approval be given to the Special Committee on Camps and Conferences to sponsor a workshop on camping in the early spring of 1952, so that people receiving training at the National Camp in the Fall of 1951 might share their leadership.

From the Committee on Leadership Education

- 1. That a course, "The Making of the English Bible," be added to the Second Series of the Standard Leadership Curriculum.

Aim: To help people discover significant values of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for personal and group experience. To help people gain a new appreciation for the history of the Bible in the English language through an understanding of its development from the early struggles for English versions to completion of the Revised Standard Version.

Scope: The need for translations of the Bible in the language of the people. Tyndale and his contribution to subsequent versions of the Bible. The emergence of an official English Bible of the Protestant church. Early discoveries of manuscripts and the need for revision. The English and American Revised Versions (1881 to 1901). Impact

of later discoveries of manuscripts. Modern translations. The Revised Standard Version. Values of the Revised Standard Version for teachers today. The Bible in church and home.

2. That a course, "Administering the Church Day Camp," be added to the Second Series of the Standard Leadership Curriculum.

Aim: To interpret church day camping and to provide guidance for those responsible for planning and administering a church day camp for junior and junior high boys and girls.

Scope: The course is for use by the following persons: camp directors and staff, directors of Christian education, planning committees, counsellors, pastors, members of boards of Christian education, and inter-agency committees. It will deal with the following matters:

- a. Definition and objectives of the church day camp, including relationship to the local church.
- b. Conditions under which a church day camp is desirable.
- c. Organization and function of a planning committee.
- d. Appraisal and selection of a site in relation to dates (frequency and length) and transportation factors.
- e. Financial aspects (budget making, subsidy by the church, fees, insurance, equipment and basic materials).
- f. Qualifications and responsibilities of a day camp director.
- g. Recruiting, selecting, and training the day camp staff.
- h. Supervision on the job (director's relationship to the staff).
- i. Promotion and publicity.
- j. Community cooperation.
- k. Program emphases and program building.
- l. Home relationships.
- m. Evaluation—follow up and correlation with the year-round program of the church.

The guide will recommend that practical experiences be included in the course and that at least three sessions be so designed as to make it practically necessary to conduct them in the out-of-doors.

Since some groups include primary boys and girls in day camping, it would be advisable to list some over-all cautions about adapting this material in light of the fact that day-camping with primary children implies a somewhat different approach.

3. That the following revised course descriptions be approved for use:
 - a. "Teaching Youth" (311b)

Aim: To help teachers of youth understand and appreciate the various methods for guiding youth in Christian growth, and develop skills in the use of these methods.

Scope: What is teaching? What is the relation between teaching and learning? What are the interests and problems of young people? How may the interests and problems of a particular group be

discovered, and how should these interests and problems determine teaching procedures? How should goals be determined? What is the importance and function of the planning conference (departmental and class) in planning for and adapting a unit of work? What are effective ways of including both adult leaders and young people in the planning conference? How can a teacher plan for a specific session? How relate the class experience to the total youth fellowship? How can pupil participation be developed? What teaching procedures are appropriate with youth? How may skill in using them be developed? (This represents a large proportion of the course.) What materials and resources are available? What is the place of worship, study, fellowship, and service in teaching? How may a leader and his group evaluate the work and conserve good results? How may a teacher continue to grow personally and to develop his skills?

b. "Introduction to the Study of the Bible" (120a)

Aim: To lead to a clearer understanding and to a deeper appreciation of the purpose of the Bible and to foster study and wide use in daily living.

Scope: What is the Bible? What is its essential message? What are its meaning and teaching values for all age groups? How can we help persons in church and home to study and make the best use of the Bible as a guide in daily living?

c. "The Life of Jesus" (124a)

Aim: To lead to a deeper appreciation of the life, personality, and character of Jesus as found in a study of the Gospels.

Scope: Jesus lived only about thirty-three years. Why have these years meant more to the world than any other period of time? What actually took place? Into what kind of a world did he come? What are the chief events in his childhood, youth, and adult life? What challenge do his life, death, and resurrection give to discipleship today? What insights did he give us in the way he dealt with situations and with people? How may church workers help individuals and groups to a deeper appreciation of the life of Jesus?

d. "The Program of My Church" (130a)

Aim: To help the worker get a better understanding of the church and his place in it, also to discover ways in which the work of the church can be improved.

Scope: What is the church? What are the outstanding needs of the local church and community? How well does the church meet these needs? In view of denominational recommendations and local needs what changes should be made in the organization and program of your church?

e. "Introduction to Teaching" (141a)

Aim: To help teachers understand that teaching in the church school is guiding persons to Christian commitments which will influence their ideas, attitudes, and behavior; to help teachers become more creative and effective in their work.

Scope: This is a general background course in the principles, materials, and methods of the teaching-learning process.

4. That "Publicity Strategy, The Key to Growing Leadership Schools" be approved for publication and distribution through the Literature Service of the Council.

From the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education

1. That the Eighth International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education be held, the dates being September 2-8, 1951.
2. That approval be given for plans for the International Council sponsoring jointly the Texas Workshop and the Workshop in Bloomington, Indiana, for 1951, with no financial obligation for the International Council.
3. That approval be given the request to hold the meeting of the Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 8-10, 1951, at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Recommendations Concerning Official Documents of the International Council

1. That the eight reports of the Committee on the Study of Christian Education be referred to the Division of Christian Education with the recommendation that they be received and seriously considered by the Division as effective and adequate statements of principles and purposes for cooperative Protestant Christian education.
2. That the document *Christian Education Today* be recommended to the Commission on General Christian Education as an important statement of educational principles and philosophy.
3. That the statement of the eight objectives of Christian education contained in *Christian Education Today* be adopted by the Commission on General Christian Education as a basic policy formulation to be used until a new formulation is made by the Commission on General Christian Education or by some other unit of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, with the understanding that these eight objectives are to be understood in the light of conclusions reached in 1944 by the Study of Christian Education.
4. That the 1940 report of the Committee on Lesson Policy and Production be referred to the Commission on General Christian Education with the recommendation that it be approved as a basic policy statement for the Department of Curriculum Development of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

5. That the 1941 and 1949 policy statements for weekday religious education be referred to the Commission on General Christian Education with the recommendation that they be approved as basic policy statements for the Department of Weekday Religious Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
6. That the 1949 report of the Committee on Religion and Public Education be referred to the Commission on General Christian Education with the recommendation that it be adopted as a policy statement of the Commission on General Christian Education in the field of religion and public education.
7. That the report of the Committee on Audio-Visual Education Policies be referred to the Division of Christian Education with the recommendation that it be adopted as a policy statement of the Division, working through its Executive Board, its Business Committee, and the Commission on General Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
8. That the 1950 report of the Joint Committee on the Christian Family be referred to the Division of Christian Education working through its Commission on General Christian Education and the Joint Department on Family Life, as a basic policy statement in the field of Christian family life.
9. That the 1947 document on "Extension of Field Program" be referred to the Commission on General Christian Education and to the Central Department of Field Services of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America as representing sound policy for the continuance of the two existing field offices and for the establishment of additional offices.
10. That the appointments to the field offices' sponsoring committees of persons acquainted with the denominational educational programs in the regions served by these offices be made by the Division of Christian Education.
11. That the document, "Looking Ahead in Adult Work," be referred to the Department of Adult Work, to the Commission on General Christian Education, and to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
12. That the 1947 document on the interracial policy for Council meetings be referred to the Division of Christian Education and to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America as a resource document which has proved useful for the International Council of Religious Education, to be used by the Division of Christian Education or the National Council or both in developing their own racial policy statements.
13. That until new interracial statements are prepared and adopted, the Division of Christian Education operate in arranging meetings, conferences, and conventions upon the principles set forth in the 1947 International Council statement on interracial policy.

14. That the "Manual of Operation for the Educational Program of the International Council" be referred to the Commission on General Christian Education as a resource document in preparing its own statement or statements of procedures for the carrying out of its educational program in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
15. That all approved documents and publications of the departments, educational committees, and other committees of the International Council be referred to the Division of Christian Education for adoption by its Commission on General Christian Education, its Commission on Christian Higher Education, or by some other of its units and also to the Central Department of Field Services, as approved documents of the new Division's commissions, boards, and committees.

HARRY THOMAS STOCK, *Chairman*

GERALD E. KNOFF, *Secretary*

(For *Council* action on the foregoing recommendations, see pages 178-79.)

Officers and Personnel

For listings of membership in the following groups of committees, boards and sections for 1950, see pages 197-213 of the 1950 *Yearbook* of the International Council of Religious Education:

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PART THREE

BUSINESS REPORTS



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Board of Trustees

Meeting, October 28, 1950



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the International Council of Religious Education met at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, October 28, 1950. The following actions were taken:

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (PART I)

Part I of the General Secretary's Report related to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Dr. Ross indicated that the work of the Planning Committee for the National Council of Churches was moving along nicely and that representatives of the International Council had had proper places in the Planning Committee and in the forty sub-committees which were working on the plans. He paid tribute to the work being done on behalf of the National Council by a number of the members of the Board of Trustees, particularly Paul Calvin Payne, Luther Wesley Smith, and Arlo Ayres Brown.

In commenting on the organizational pattern for the new National Council of Churches, Dr. Ross stated that one of the most significant aspects was the provision for a Central Department of Publication and Distribution, which would provide an excellent framework for the interests of the denominational publishers.

With reference to the Central Department of Broadcasting and Films, Dr. Ross called upon Dr. Payne for comments. Dr. Payne reminded the board that the origin of this department was with the International Council of Religious Education, which very early had envisaged the need for unified radio work.

Dr. Payne made a statement setting forth the key part which the General Secretary had had in developing a sound pattern of organization for the new National Council of Churches.

There was extended discussion of various aspects of the work of the Planning Committee, in which the General Secretary answered questions regarding financial policy, budget policy, policy with respect to replacement of staff persons in the Division who would be moving over to Central Services, procedure with respect to the setting up of services under the Commission on Christian Higher Education, and other related matters.

In connection with a discussion of budget and finance, it was indicated that responsibility for supervision of budget, supervision of financial operations, and supervision of the work of the publications department in the new National Council would be in the hands of Philip C. Landers, who would be nominated to serve as an Administrative Secretary of the National Council.

With respect to the International Council's part in the financing of the work of the Planning Committee, the following action was taken:

Voted—that this Board of Trustees authorize the chairman and those members of the board who are representatives of the International Council on the Planning Committee (namely, Arlo Ayres Brown, David I. Forsyth, Ivan M. Gould, Paul Calvin Payne, Roy G. Ross, John Q. Schisler, Luther A. Weigle, and Gerald E. Knoff, alternate) to take those actions which in their judgment seem wise with respect to committing the International Council to support for the budget of the Planning Committee; with the understanding that they may divert a portion of the advance which was originally authorized for pre-convention public relations to the support of the regular budget of the Planning Committee if, in their judgment, this seems wise; and with the further understanding that, in no case, will the representatives commit the Council to expenditures exceeding the \$25,000 which was originally authorized.

With respect to the appointment of provisional committees for the Division of Christian Education, the following action was taken:

Voted—that the chairman of the Council, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the General Secretary be authorized to join with responsible officers and executives of the National Protestant Council on Higher Education and the Missionary Education Movement in appointing provisional committees for the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., with the understanding that, in advance of the Cleveland meetings, these committees will prepare reports which can be submitted to the Division of Christian Education as soon as the committees are officially appointed by the Division.

With respect to the incorporation of the Division of Christian Education, Dr. Ross reported that he had secured the advice of legal counsel, C. O. Loucks, and that it seemed wise to incorporate the Division under the laws of the State of Illinois, with six members of the board from the State of Illinois as incorporators and with an original board of directors of twelve members, who would meet at Cleveland and elect the succeeding board. It was

Voted—that the following resolution be adopted by this Board of Trustees:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education, incorporated by Act of Congress as the International Sunday School Association of America, recommends that the DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA be incorporated under the name of DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; that any six or fewer, but not fewer than three, of the following be authorized to act as incorporators under the Non-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois:

Mr. Lewis McDonald
Mr. C. J. Howel
Mr. J. L. Kraft
Dr. Roy L. Smith
Dr. Roy G. Ross
Mr. Thomas H. West;

that the address of the initial registered office in the State of Illinois be designated as 206 South Michigan Avenue, in the City of Chicago 4, Illinois; that the name of the registered agent be designated as Roy G. Ross; that the purpose or purposes for which the corporation shall be organized shall be the following:

To encourage the study of the Bible.

To promote the study and influence of the Christian religion.

To assist member denominations in the conduct of their work of Christian education as carried on (a) through local churches, Sunday schools, and other Christian education agencies and programs; (b) through colleges, universities, and foundations and agencies for student work; and (c) through community agencies, such as local, county, and state councils of churches and religious education.

To encourage organization of Sunday schools and other institutions for Christian education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board recommends that the International Sunday School Association of America, incorporated by Act of Congress approved January 31, 1907, be kept alive in order to preserve its property, permanent funds, future legacies and gifts, and the performance of such administrative services as may be committed to it by the said Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Secretary be authorized to prepare such deeds or other documents as may be necessary for the fulfillment of the declared intentions of the Board of Trustees as recorded in the minutes of its meeting held on February 14 and 16, 1950, to transfer its property on Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, and a portion of its invested funds to the new corporation known as the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Secretary be authorized to prepare such legal documents as are necessary in order to transfer to the corporation known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America (a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York) such current operating funds as were contemplated in the action of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education under date of February 14 and 16, 1950.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education be authorized to call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education to be held on Monday, November 27, 1950, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The General Secretary explained the need for keeping alive the present charter of the International Council and presented a brief outline of the changes which should be made in the by-laws of the International Council in order that they might conform with the new situation. He stated the need for two meetings of the International Council at which notice could be given and action taken on the necessary changes in the by-laws.

Voted—

1. That this Board of Trustees authorize the chairman of the International Council to send out calls for two special meetings of the International Council of Religious Education, which is the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association chartered by Act of the United States Congress on January 31, 1907; the *first* meeting to be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 1950, at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of transacting business essential to the formation of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, including consideration of needed changes in the by-laws of the International Council of Religious Education (charter name, International Sunday School Association) which may come regularly before it; the *second* meeting to be held beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 1950, at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of taking action upon any changes in by-laws which may have been proposed in the meeting on November 28, 1950.
2. That the chairman of this board be instructed to appoint a committee of three persons, including the General Secretary, with power to prepare a draft

of revised by-laws on behalf of this board which shall be submitted to the meeting of the International Council of Religious Education on Tuesday, November 28, 1950, and which the Council may, if it so desires, adopt on Wednesday, November 29, 1950, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The following committee was appointed to draft the revision of the by-laws: Paul Calvin Payne, Luther Wesley Smith, and Roy G. Ross.

At the conclusion of the General Secretary's Report (Part I), it was

Voted—that the report of the General Secretary regarding the National Council of Churches be received with appreciation and placed on record.

BUSINESS REPORTS

Report of Treasurer

The treasurer's report of receipts and comparisons from January 1 through September 30, 1950, was presented.

Voted—that the report of the treasurer be received and filed and that the commendation of the board be expressed to Philip C. Landers and others responsible for the encouraging condition reflected in the report.

National Christian Teaching Mission

In connection with the treasurer's report, a question was raised concerning the National Christian Teaching Mission, which led to considerable discussion of the splendid success of the Missions and the desirability of publicizing them adequately.

Voted—that the Department of Public Relations of the International Council of Religious Education be asked to see what can be done toward popularizing, through some appropriate news story, the successes inherent in the National Christian Teaching Mission.

Program at Cleveland Meetings

Voted—

1. That a committee, composed of Arlo Ayres Brown, Robert M. Hopkins, Reuben H. Mueller, and Edward D. Grant, be asked to meet in consultation with Gerald E. Knoff to prepare and present to the staff suggestions as to ways in which the program at Cleveland can lift up the National Christian Teaching Mission and other important emphases for attention by the attending delegates.
2. That a record be made in the minutes of this meeting, expressing the deep appreciation of the board for the insight, the wisdom, and the persistence of Reuben H. Mueller, who, as chairman of the Committee on Educational Evangelism, has helped to further this program to such a successful stage.
3. That the appreciation of the board be expressed also to Harry H. Kalas and Edward W. Gebhard for the fine lift they have given to our whole work of educational evangelism, with the hope that it will be continued through the new joint department of the National Council of churches which will be related administratively to the Division of Christian Life and Work.

Committee on Investments

The Committee on Investments reported that, since the time of its last report to the Board of Trustees (February, 1950), only four changes had been made in the list of security holdings for the International Council of Religious Education.

1. Two hundred shares of Home Insurance Company common stock were sold on March 31, 1950, at \$6,925, in order to provide funds for a quarterly payment of the International Council to the Planning Committee for the National Council of Churches.
2. Five bonds of the Investors Telephone Company were called at par (\$1,000 each) in July and August.
3. Four Scullin Steel bonds were called at par (\$1,000 each) on July 26, 1949. Through an oversight, this transaction was not reported at that time, although the money was received and properly credited.
4. Because of a consolidation involving the New York Power & Light Co., the International Council of Religious Education received 100 shares of Niagara Mohawk Power preferred stock in place of its 100 shares of New York Power & Light Co. preferred stock.

The report indicated that no change had been made in the holdings of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools and that no securities were being held by the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders.

Voted—that the report of the Committee on Investments be received and filed, and that the board approve the actions reported therein.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (PART II)

The General Secretary reviewed Part II of his report to the board explaining in connection with a number of the items that the action taken by the Committee on Finance would be brought to the board later in connection with the full report of that committee. The following actions were taken by the board on matters on which recommendations were not being brought by the Committee on Finance:

Distribution of Cycle Graded Lesson Outlines

The board gave thoughtful consideration to a request by an independent publisher for the use of the International Council's Cycle Graded Lesson Outlines. Dr. Ross, at the request of the chairman, explained the existing policy of the Council and the procedure whereby it had been adopted.

Voted—that the request for the use of the Cycle Graded Lessons by a non-denominational publisher be respectfully declined.

Form for Copyright Notices

The General Secretary's report included the following recommendations for changes in the form of copyright notices for various types of International Council materials. He explained that the changes were being recommended largely for the sake of uniformity and more courteous wording.

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stituted, the name "International Council of Religious Education" as contained in these copyright notices will be changed to "Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America."

Name for Lesson Syndication Service

Voted—that the Board of Trustees of the International Council recommend to the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches that its lesson syndication services be promoted under the name, "National Council Religious Features."

Record of Policies

The General Secretary suggested the wisdom of passing over formally and officially to the new Division of Christian Education of the National Council, when formed, a record of the policies and educational procedures of the International Council. He reported that the Commission on Educational Program had already prepared a resumé of educational procedures.

Voted—that the chairman and the General Secretary serve as a committee to review the records of the Board of Trustees and select those actions having to do with policy and basic procedures which should be subject to review by the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education following its inauguration at Cleveland, with the understanding that the committee will give consideration also to any matters which should have attention by the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

Personnel Actions

Voted—

1. That the action of the special committee on personnel in calling A. Wilson Cheek as Director of the Department of Young People's Work of the International Council of Religious Education be approved and that he be appointed to this position at the salary indicated in the budget.
2. That the action of the special committee on personnel in calling Virgil E. Foster as Editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education* be approved and that he be appointed to this position at the salary indicated in the budget.
3. That the action of the special committee on personnel, calling H. Leroy Brininger to the staff of the International Council of Religious Education, be approved and that he be appointed at the salary indicated in the budget; that the decision as to the title for this position be referred with power to the General Secretary and the chairman of the board.
4. That Paul H. King be appointed as Associate Director of Leadership Education and Church School Administration at the salary indicated in the budget.
5. That approval be given to the action of the General Secretary in arranging for the release of John C. Trever for a six months' period for special study, and that appreciation be expressed to Thomas Nelson & Sons for continuing Dr. Trever's salary during this six months' period.

Message to Norman H. Abbott

Dr. Ross reported that word had been received of the serious illness of Norman H. Abbott, manager of Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, who is now in his twenty-sixth year of service for the camp.

Voted—that messages of sympathy and good wishes be sent on behalf of the board to both Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Abbott, assuring them that we are remembering them in our prayers.

Authorization for Dr. Parry to Sign Checks and Legal Documents

Voted—that, effective November 1, 1950, Wilbur C. Parry, in his capacity as Associate General Secretary be authorized and empowered to sign such types of documents and carry on such activities as may be assigned to him by the General Secretary from those for which the General Secretary has been or shall be given responsibility and power by action of this Board of Trustees; and that these powers specifically include (a) power to sign checks on the Council's current checking accounts, (b) power to sign royalty contracts, and (c) power to grant permissions for quotations from the Council's other publications; but that these powers specifically exclude (a) power to sign checks against the Council's Trust Fund account and (b) power to sell securities, or (c) power to sign any contract involving values in excess of \$5,000.

Resolutions for Signatures on Council Checks

In order that Wilbur C. Parry might be authorized to sign International Council General and Trust Account checks in place of Philip C. Landers, the following action was taken:

Voted—that the resolution providing for the signing of General Account and Trust Account checks be changed to read as follows and that the resolution so amended be adopted:

- "2. That the Treasurer, Cashier, or Director of Business (any one), and the General Secretary, Wilbur C. Parry (Associate General Secretary), the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, or Lewis McDonald (a member of the Board of Trustees) (any one) of this corporation are authorized to sign jointly any and all checks, drafts, and orders, including orders or directions in informal or letter form, against any funds at any time standing to the credit of this corporation with the said bank, or against any account of this corporation with the said bank and that the said bank is authorized to honor any and all checks, drafts, and orders so signed, including those drawn to the individual order of any such officer or other person signing the same, without further inquiry or regard to the authority of said officer(s) or other person(s) or the use of said checks, drafts, and orders, or the proceeds thereof."

In order that Dr. Parry might be authorized to sign checks on the International Council's Disbursements Account, the following action was taken:

Voted—that the resolution providing for the signing of checks on the International Council's Disbursements Account be changed so that item "b" will read as follows and that the resolution so amended be adopted:

- "b. That the Director of Business, the General Secretary, or Wilbur C. Parry (Associate General Secretary), and the Cashier or the Administrative Assistant to the General Secretary, jointly, of this corporation are authorized to sign any and all checks, drafts, and orders or directions in informal or letter form, against any funds at any time standing to the credit of this corporation's Disbursements Account with the said bank, and that the said bank is authorized to honor any and all checks, drafts, and orders so signed, including those drawn to the individual order of any such officer or other person signing the same, without further inquiry or regard to the authority of said officer(s) or other person(s) or the use of said checks, drafts, and orders, or the proceeds thereof."

Bonding of Council Employees

Voted—that the executive officers of the International Council be asked to make certain that all persons responsible for the signing of checks or other legal documents are properly bonded.

Committee on Financing Special Projects

Voted—that the Board of Trustees appoint a Special Projects Committee, which committee may be asked to review plans for financing special projects in the work of the International Council, with the understanding that this committee will counsel with the staff regarding the best methods of securing designated gifts for approved special projects and, if plans are developed to the satisfaction of the members of the committee, that it will authorize the staff to make financial approaches in its name for the International Council, and with the further understanding that any special financial appeal will be in accordance with the general policies of the International Council or its successor, the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

The following committee was appointed: Luther Wesley Smith, chairman, L. L. Huffman, J. L. Kraft, Lewis McDonald, and Reuben H. Mueller.

Approval of Report of General Secretary

Voted—that the report of the General Secretary (Part II) be received with appreciation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Luther Wesley Smith, chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the report of the committee. With respect to the recommendations of the committee, the following actions were taken by the board:

Call to United Christian Youth Action

Voted—

1. That the Department of Young People's Work be authorized to launch its proposed Call to United Christian Youth Action if and when it has definite pledges of subsidies totalling \$60,000, with the understanding that the International Council will, in such case, be willing to risk a program to cost not more than \$90,000; with the understanding that expenditures of the program might be expanded to \$116,000 if and when the Department of Young People's Work obtains enough additional subsidies beyond the \$60,000 and the \$30,000 to guarantee such a budget; and with the understanding that the department will accept responsibility for pressing this program through on such a basis as would assure the returns of denominational subsidies after Council expenditures have been cared for.
2. That the budget of expenditures of the money solicited in connection with the Call to United Christian Youth Action shall be subject to review by the Board of Trustees of the International Council.

New Department of Inter-Group Work

Voted—

1. That a committee be appointed, to which will be referred the various questions which have been raised and the information concerning past actions regarding this matter; that this committee be asked to study the whole matter and report to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in November, 1950, at Cleveland, Ohio.
2. That the budget item for the Department of Inter-Group Work be retained tentatively in Section III of the budget.

The chairman of the board appointed the following committee: Harry Thomas Stock, chairman, Paul Calvin Payne, Ivan M. Gould, Roy L. Smith, and Edward D. Grant.

Ratification of Salary Adjustments

Voted—that the Board of Trustees approve the action taken by its Committee on Finance on authorization of the Board of Trustees in its meeting in February, 1950, making salary adjustments to members of the staff of the International Council of Religious Education, effective September 1, 1950.

Director of Financial Cultivation for United Christian Youth Movement

Voted—

1. That this Board of Trustees authorize the General Secretary to provide, out of the reserves of the International Council, an amount up to \$10,000 as a revolving fund to underwrite the salary, travel, and office expense for a Director of Financial Cultivation for the United Christian Youth Movement.
2. That it be understood that the staff of the Department of Young People's Work and the United Christian Youth Movement will seek to find one-half of this amount of \$10,000 within regular sources of the United Christian Youth Movement.
3. That the General Secretary be authorized to call a Director of Financial Cultivation for the United Christian Youth Movement after clearance with the special committee on personnel.
4. That it be understood that such a Director of Financial Cultivation for the United Christian Youth Movement will work in accord with the general policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.
5. That it be understood that such a Director of Financial Cultivation for the United Christian Youth Movement will serve as a staff member of the International Council of Religious Education.

Supplementary Pension Payments

Voted—that the General Secretary be authorized to make payments from reserves on behalf of the International Council to the account of the International Council Pension Trust in the amount of \$11,448.18 to bring the pension protection for all Council employees now enrolled in the Pension Trust up to the full current level of payments for the years since those persons enrolled in the Pension Trust or since the time of their employment if they were in the employ of the Council prior to the establishing of the pension plan and enrolled at the time of its inauguration.

Proposed Budget for 1951

In presenting the proposed budget for 1951 and the Budget Analysis and Recommendations, Dr. Smith cited figures to show that the actual increase in the regular budget for operations to be transferred to the Division of Christian Education of the new National Council of Churches (Sections I and II of the ICRE budget and Sections IA, IB, and II of the Division budget) was only \$34,381. Attention was called to the fact that the proposed budget for the Division of Christian Education for 1951 included sections for the continuing work of the National Protestant Council on Higher Education and the Missionary Education Movement.

Voted—that approval be given to those portions of the budget for the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which carry forward the work of the International Council of Religious Education, totaling \$568,177, plus those items in Section III of the budget which represent the continuing work of the International Council, totaling \$277,387.

Denominational Appropriations for 1951

Voted—

1. That the member denominations of the International Council of Religious Education be asked to contribute a 10 per cent increase in 1951 over their quotas of 1950.
2. That the quota askings from Canadian churches, for full members or associate members, for the Division of Christian Education be based upon one-third of the askings normally requested from a church of the same size in the United States.
3. That member denominations which pay 80 per cent or more of the requested quotas approved by the Board of Trustees be permitted to use the Council's lesson outlines without cost; that a member denomination which does not pay 80 per cent or more of its quota asking be asked to pay the royalty on the basis of the royalty charges to non-member publishing houses.
4. That the executive officers of the Division of Christian Education be asked to study the matter of quotas in relation to royalties and services, in order to obtain a more satisfactory basis for quotas in the future.

Department of Religion and Public Education

Voted—

1. That, in view of our contractual relationship with Thomas Nelson & Sons and the procedure that has been followed in connection therewith and in view of the investment of approximately one hundred thousand dollars in the work of the translation committee by the International Council of Religious Education, we therefore record our understanding that the income through royalties on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is designated income of the International Council of Religious Education and that we, therefore, recommend to the Division of Christian Education, when formed, that it set aside all income coming to the Council under royalty agreement with Thomas Nelson & Sons, over and above income from that source as of December 31, 1952, for the purpose of supporting the work of the Department of the English Bible and the Department of Religion and Public Education and other activities of the Division of Christian Education as approved by its Executive Board.
2. That, in view of the action of last year and the possibility of additional funds and the need for setting up the Department of Religion and Public Education as soon as possible, we refer to the officers of the International Council of Religious Education the question of setting up and putting into operation the Department of Religion and Public Education, taking whatever risks are necessary in our undesignated funds up to \$11,000 annually.

Personnel for Related Movements

*Voted—*that the Board of Trustees recommend to the Division of Christian Education that any personnel for movements to which the Division is related shall be subject to the same staff review and clearance under the approved personnel procedures of the Division as regular staff personnel of the Division.

Action on Report of Committee on Finance

*Voted—*that the report of the Committee on Finance as a whole be adopted, with the ratification of its actions as amended.

OTHER REPORTS

Report from Commission on Educational Program

Gerald E. Knoff reported three items on behalf of the Commission on Educational Program. Item 2 was for information and item 3 had already

been considered by the board. Item 1 dealt with the need for curriculum materials for community, neighborhood, and similar non-denominational and interdenominational churches and church schools organized to serve emergency housing areas. It was

Voted—that this matter be referred to the staff of the International Council with a request that they take into consultation the publishers and denominational executives and secure a *modus operandi* for bringing a report.

The relationship of this need to that expressed by chaplains for materials to be used with the families of service men was also noted.

Voted—that the staff of the International Council be asked to study the need that has grown out of specific requests from the chaplains of the Army, Navy, and Air Corps for materials bearing interdenominational imprint for use on military posts with the families of the service men whom they have to serve as chaplains.

Report of Joint Committee to Confer with Christian Endeavor

Reuben H. Mueller, chairman of the Joint Committee appointed to confer with the International Society of Christian Endeavor, presented a report of that committee. He explained that the committee had been appointed by the International Council and would report to it but that the report was also being presented to the bodies represented in its membership as a report of progress and for possible advice regarding procedures.

Voted—that the report of the Joint Committee appointed to confer with the International Society of Christian Endeavor be received as information.

Roy G. Ross
Secretary

Board of Trustees

Meeting, November 27, 1950



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the International Council of Religious Education met in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, November 27, 1950. The following actions were taken:

Amendment of By-Laws

Dr. Ross stated that the committee which had been appointed to review and revise the by-laws of the International Council had had the aid of legal counsel in preparing by-laws which would be presented to the meeting of *The Council* on Tuesday, November 28, 1950, for action on November 29. The board discussed the proposed by-laws, particularly item 2 of Article II, dealing with the membership of the International Council. It was

Voted—

1. That item 2, under Article II, be amended to read as follows:
 2. Effective February 17, 1951, the members of the Council (and thus the Executive Committee of the corporation) shall consist of those persons who serve as members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a not-for-profit membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois on November 15, 1950, and such other persons as these members may by their action elect.
2. That the proposed by-laws as amended be approved for presentation to *The Council*.

(The by-laws as amended by the board and as later approved by *The Council* are printed on pages 211-13 of this book.)

Contracts, Policies, and Authorizations of the International Council

The General Secretary presented to the board the following recommendations regarding contracts, policies, and authorizations of the International Council of Religious Education. It was understood that these recommendations, after approval by the board, would be presented through *The Council* to the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education.

A. CONTRACTS

Recommended—

That this International Council of Religious Education recommend to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America that it adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois under date of November 15, 1950, hereby declares its purpose and determination to assume the obligations of the International Council of Religious Education which have been accepted by it under the following contracts which were executed by the International Council of Religious Education, the authorizations for which contracts are to be found on the pages of the respective yearbooks of the International Council as indicated:

1. Contract with Thomas Nelson & Sons for publication of American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible and the Revised Standard Version Bible. (1945 *Yearbook*, page 135.)
2. Additional advances from Thomas Nelson & Sons for Standard Bible Committee. (1949 *Yearbook*, page 188.)
3. Contract with Thomas Nelson & Sons for publication of synopsis of the gospels. (1946 *Yearbook*, page 153.)
4. Contract for office headquarters at 206 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 4, Illinois, and authorization for amortization of internal partitioning and improvements. (1949 *Yearbook*, page 203; 1950 *Yearbook*, page 224.)
5. Contract with Western Newspaper Union for weekly treatment of the Uniform Lessons. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 176.)
6. Contract with John A. Dickson Publishing Company for use of excerpts of American Standard Version of the Bible. (1945 *Yearbook*, page 127.)
7. Contracts with Bethany Press for publication of *The Community and Christian Education* and *The Church and Christian Education*.

B. POLICY STATEMENTS

Recommended—

That this International Council of Religious Education recommend to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America that the statements of policy adopted by the International Council as recorded below be adopted by that Division and its subunits as their operating policies in these respective fields until action may be taken changing or rescinding them:

1. Policy of refraining from expression of judgment on specific items of legislation. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 217.)
2. Policy of recognition of gifts for motion picture films. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 219.)
3. Provision of parsonages for staff members who are ordained ministers. (1942 *Yearbook*, page 50.)
4. Approval of holding of conferences with professional and vocational groups. (1941 *Yearbook*, page 62.)

5. Policy of receiving no gifts from special interest groups as such. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 191.)
6. Policy on hydrogen and atomic bomb. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 318.)
7. Acceptance of certain advertising in educational bulletins. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 219.)
8. Policy regarding salaries for directors with additional administrative responsibilities. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 224.)
9. Policy regarding leaves of absence for staff members. (Exhibit H to Board of Trustees minutes, February 13, 1941.)
10. Approval of plan for operation of Southwestern Office. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 227.)
11. Early, unofficial release of section papers with staff approval. (1949 *Yearbook*, page 202.)
12. Permission to member denominations and state councils to make reprints of Council materials. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 176.)
13. Signature of contracts by General Secretary and Associate General Secretary and board ratification of important contracts. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 176.)
14. Transfer of unexpended balances of designated funds to undesignated surplus account. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 176.)
15. Disapproval of use of federal funds in aid of private and parochial schools. (1946 *Yearbook*, page 155.)
16. Cooperation with young people's collegiate organizations. (1946 *Yearbook*, page 242.)
17. Endorsements and action on matters not specifically in its immediate field of service not to be made by Council. (1947 *Yearbook*, page 163.)
18. Relationships of Council to community churches. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 199.)
19. Pension Plan for Council employees and modifications of plan. (1939 *Yearbook*, page 104; 1941 *Yearbook*, page 118; 1943 *Yearbook*, page 55; 1945 *Yearbook*, page 128; 1948 *Yearbook*, page 175; Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 15.)
20. Group insurance for Council employees not enrolled in Pension Plan. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 192.)
21. Group Graded Lesson Outlines and Cycle Graded Lesson Outlines not to be made available to independent publishers. (1941 *Yearbook*, page 119; Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 9.)
22. Policy regarding submission of Uniform Lesson Outlines to non-denominational publishers and their adaptation of such outlines. (1946 *Yearbook*, page 150.)
23. Royalties and Uniform Lesson Outlines. (1947 *Yearbook*, page 156.)

24. Policy regarding use of Uniform Lesson Outlines by individuals. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 197.)
25. Use of Uniform Lesson Outlines by syndicates on royalty basis. (1949 *Yearbook*, page 213.)
26. Forms of acknowledgment and royalty charges on quotations from American Standard Version and from Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. (1947 *Yearbook*, page 156.)
27. Policy on permission to quote from Revised Standard Version of the Bible and from American Standard Version of the Bible. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 175.)
28. Plans for syndication of lesson treatments. (1945 *Yearbook*, page 126; 1947 *Yearbook*, page 157.)
29. Form for copyright notices for various types of Council materials. (Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 9.)
30. Name for lesson syndication service. (Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 9.)
31. Royalties on Revised Standard Version of the Bible to be designated for Department of English Bible and Department of Religion and Public Education. (Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 16.)
32. Personnel for related movements subject to same staff review and clearance as regular staff of the Division. (Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 17.)

C. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

Recommended—

That this International Council of Religious Education recommend to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America that the following authorizations of the International Council be adopted and continued by that Division and its subunits until action may be taken modifying or rescinding them:

1. Approval of Fiftieth Anniversary of Vacation Church School Movement. (1950 *Yearbook*, pages 222 and 236.)
2. Approval of Call to United Christian Youth Action. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 316; Board of Trustees minutes, October 28, 1950, page 13.)
3. Approval of plan for celebrating completion of Revised Standard Version Bible in 1952. (1949 *Yearbook*, page 189.)
4. Authorization for annual cooperative workshop or school of drama at Green Lake, Wisconsin. (1948 *Yearbook*, page 190.)
5. Adoption of plan for Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation. (1943 *Yearbook*, page 57.)
6. Annual pension supplement for Dr. P. R. Hayward. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 238.)
7. Leadership and budget for proposed department of religion and public education. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 222.)

8. Advance made from reserves for second printing of *Protestantism Faces its Educational Task Together* to be repaid from sales. (1950 *Yearbook*, page 222.)
9. Authorization to Committee on Investments for handling of securities. (1946 *Yearbook*, page 153.)

Recommended—

That other policies, contracts, and authorizations of the International Council of Religious Education which are not specifically listed in the foregoing recommendations but which are of record in the said Council's yearbooks or other official documents be adopted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America for continuation until such time as action may be taken modifying or rescinding them.

Voted—that the recommendations regarding contracts, policies, and authorizations of the International Council of Religious Education be approved by the Board of Trustees for submission to the International Council.

Resolutions Empowering Board of Trustees to Transfer Assets

The General Secretary presented a document, "Resolutions Empowering Board of Trustees of International Council of Religious Education to Transfer Assets," which, after certain modifications by the board, read as follows:

1. *Whereas*, this International Council of Religious Education voted under dates of February 12, 1944, and February 17-18, 1950, to approve the formation of a National Council of Churches which would carry forward and expand the program of said International Council of Religious Education; and
2. *Whereas*, this International Council of Religious Education, on recommendation of its Board of Trustees, under date of February 17-18, 1950, took actions recording its conviction that the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America should be a corporate entity either through use of the charter of the International Council of Religious Education (charter name—International Sunday School Association) or through the securing of a new charter; and
3. *Whereas*, this Council agreed to turn its transferrable assets to said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America to be held partially by it for its Division of Christian Education and partially by its Division of Christian Education as a separate legal entity; and
4. *Whereas*, the Board of Trustees of said International Council of Religious Education authorized its General Secretary to prepare documents for transfer of title to its Winnepesaukee property and its invested funds (except those not transferrable because of conditions of bequest) to said Division of Christian Education when incorporated; and
5. *Whereas*, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United

States of America will be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York; and

6. *Whereas*, the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America was incorporated under date of November 15, 1950, as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois; and
7. *Whereas*, time has not sufficed for preparation of the aforesaid legal documents in time for submission to this special meeting of *The Council*; and
8. *Whereas*, the next meeting of this Council will probably not be held before December 1, 1951; and
9. *Whereas*, this Council wishes to complete this transfer of assets at the earliest possible date; therefore be it

Resolved—

1. That this International Council of Religious Education, incorporated under the laws of the United States of America as the International Sunday School Association, authorize and empower and has authorized and empowered its Board of Trustees to approve on its behalf the following legal documents and authorize and empower its Chairman, its Treasurer, and its General Secretary, or any two of them, to execute and sign such papers on its behalf after they have been so approved by said Board of Trustees, it being understood that the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation, accepts all legal obligations and responsibilities pertaining to the assets thus transferred.
 - a. A deed transferring its property in the town of Moultonboro on Lake Winnepesaukee in the State of New Hampshire to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation.
 - b. A deed transferring its office furnishings, inventories, and any other property at Chicago, Illinois, to the said Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation.
 - c. An assignment of its stocks and bonds, bills of sale, and other documents necessary to effect the transfer to said Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation, of the securities held by this International Council of Religious Education except any which are non-transferrable because of any conditions of bequest pertaining thereto.
 - d. A legal paper transferring to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation, all accounts receivable of the International Council of Religious Education as of Decem-

ber 31, 1950, and all equity of the International Council in these accounts receivable, in return for an agreement by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America that it will accept responsibility for collection of these accounts and for payment of all accounts payable.

- e. A legal paper to be prepared with the advice of counsel transferring to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation, all rights, title, and interest in the current contracts, with the provision that such Illinois corporation will assume any obligation of the International Council contained in such contracts or pertaining thereto.
2. That this Council authorize and empower and has so authorized and empowered its Chairman, its Treasurer, and its General Secretary, or any two of them, at any time after January 1, 1951, and after a certified audit has been completed, to execute such checks, drafts, or other documents necessary to transfer to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a New York corporation, all current fund assets on deposit in banks of this International Council of Religious Education under an agreement signed by two officers of said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, whereby these funds will be held and used for the purpose of carrying forward and expanding the program administered by the Division of Christian Education, and whereby said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America will accept all of the responsibilities and obligations pertaining to these funds.
3. That this Council authorize and empower and does hereby authorize and empower those persons duly authorized to sign checks on its behalf to transfer monthly or oftener to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a New York corporation, any income which it has received through interest payments, appropriations, gifts, fees, royalties, or any other such income which it may have received for support of its program, except that transfer of any new bequests shall be subject to special action of the Board of Trustees of said International Council of Religious Education.

Voted—

1. That resolution No. 1 be adopted as amended, subject to editorial changes by the General Secretary on advice of counsel, with the understanding that the essential provisions will not be modified.
2. That resolutions No. 2 and No. 3 be adopted.

Inter-Group Relations

On recommendation of the committee which had been appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the board took the following action:

*Voted—*that, as soon as resources can be found for the establishing of services in the field of interracial and intercultural relations, the Division of Christian

Education be asked to continue and extend into the general program of the Commission on General Christian Education the work now being carried in the area of youth work, and that the staff be requested to develop a comprehensive plan for consideration by the Executive Board of the Division in February and that the budget provision in the 1951 budget not be expended until the Executive Board gives favorable approval to the plan to be outlined by the staff.

Report of Provisional Budget and Finance Committee

C. D. Pantle presented to the board for approval the following report of the Provisional Budget and Finance Committee with respect to budget and quotas:

The Provisional Budget and Finance Committee met in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 27, 1950:

A. BUDGET

The proposed budget of the Division was reviewed and the following recommendations were voted.

1. That the budget as presented in the report of the Budget Committee of the Planning Committee be approved with the understanding that it includes certain minor adjustments between Sections I, II, and III of the previously presented Division budget, with the further understanding that the amended budget carries forward in substance authorizations approved by the uniting agencies in their earlier meetings.
2. That the budget of the Division of Christian Education as presented by the Budget Committee of the Planning Committee be recommended to the Constituting Convention for approval as a part of the total budget of the National Council for 1951, subject to the understandings and authorizations which are contained in the Analysis and Recommendations Section of the Report of the Budget Committee of the Planning Committee to the Constituting Convention.

B. QUOTAS

Consideration was given to the matter of quotas and the following recommendations were voted:

1. That approval be given to the denominational quotas for Christian Higher Education as approved by the Protestant Council on Higher Education subject to minor revisions but that the final adjustments be referred with power to a special committee composed of the chairman of the Division of Christian Education, the chairman of the Executive Board, the chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, and the chairman of the Quota Committee (Robert W. Gibson).
2. That confirmation be given to the denominational quotas for 1951 which have been approved and recommended by the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education for work formerly carried by the International Council and now included in 1951 budget sections on Division Administration,

Commission on General Christian Education, and certain Joint Departments and Central Departments.

Committee

Luther Wesley Smith, *Chairman*
C. D. Pantle
David I. Forsyth

Staff Representatives

Roy G. Ross
Philip C. Landers
Wilbur C. Parry

Voted—that the report of the committee be approved.

Application for Membership in the International Council

It was reported to the Board of Trustees that the Sunday School and Publication Board of the National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. had applied for membership in the International Council of Religious Education and that this was a board of an evangelical Christian church. In view of the fact that the Committee on Constituent Membership was unable to meet, the request of the denomination was brought directly to the Board of Trustees. It was

Voted—that this matter be referred to a special committee of three to be named by the chairman, with the understanding that the committee would report to the International Council on the following day.

The following committee was appointed: C. D. Pantle, chairman, David I. Forsyth, and Franklin I. Sheeder, to meet with Gerald E. Knoff and Wilbur C. Parry.

Roy G. Ross
Secretary

Board of Trustees

Meeting, February 14, 1951



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the International Council of Religious Education met in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, February 14, 1951, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following actions were taken:

Report of Auditor

Voted—that the report of the auditors, J. W. Dugdale & Co., on the books of the International Council for the year 1950 be accepted and filed.

Report of Treasurer

In the absence of the treasurer, J. L. Kraft, his report was presented by Roy G. Ross. (See pages 143-51.)

Voted—

1. That approval be given to the transfer of \$10,000 of 1950 income from the current operating account to the Trust Fund Account of the International Council of Religious Education.
2. That approval be given to the setting aside of the following 1950 income against the needs and budgets for 1951:

Equipment.....	\$10,000.00
Youth Work Special.....	3,631.55
Leadership Education Special.....	555.88
Reserve for Sabbatical Leave.....	1,375.00
Reserve for Rent.....	547.74

Total.....\$16,110.17

3. That the administrative officers be asked to make provision for such cost accounting on the *International Journal of Religious Education* as will make it possible for them to bring a complete *Journal* report to the meeting of the Business Committee in 1952 as a part of the total financial report.
4. That the report of the treasurer be received and placed on file.

Report of Committee on Investments

The report of the Committee on Investments was presented by Margaret Smith in the absence of the chairman of the committee, J. L. Kraft. This report indicated that, since the time of the last report of this committee to the Board of Trustees (October 28, 1950), the following changes in security holdings had been made:

Stock Dividends Declared

In December, 1950, the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company declared a 5 per cent stock dividend, which gave the International Council portfolio an additional ten shares of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet common stock and added forty shares to the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet common stock

holdings of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Sales of Securities

The following International Council securities were sold in November, 1950:

\$5,000 Illinois Central R.R. 1st Mortgage, Omaha Div. @\$4,977.50

\$5,000 Province of Saskatchewan, 4½% @\$5,050.00

\$4,000 U.S. Government, 2½% @\$4,027.50

The report indicated that the current market value of the securities of the International Council as of February 6, 1951, was \$180,368.

Voted—that the report of the Committee on Investments be received and approved with an expression of appreciation for the fine report and with the board's approval of the sales of securities which were made.

Appropriation for Expenses in Connection with Completion of Merger

The General Secretary explained that, in connection with the completion of the merger, there had been and would be for some weeks ahead expenses in connection with the transfer of property, securities, contracts, royalties, and copyrights. On authorization of the board, legal counsel had been employed to guarantee the proper transfer of rights and to be sure that all business transactions were in line with good business procedures.

Voted—that the General Secretary be authorized to transfer from the reserves of the International Council an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to cover legal and other expenses incurred in the proper transfer of the assets of the International Council of Religious Education to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Heinz Bequest

The Board of Trustees discussed the present status of the H. J. Heinz bequest and the possibility of restoring any losses in this fund which had been suffered in depression years. The board took action transferring \$5,000 to the credit of the fund and also recorded its determination to give consideration annually to the possibility of setting aside a part or all of the income from the securities supporting this Heinz bequest toward the further rebuilding of the fund to its original value. It moreover voted to ask the Business Committee of the Division of Christian Education to consider annually the possibility of appropriations toward increasing the Heinz fund to the face value of the H. J. Heinz bequest.

Review of Legal Situation

Dr. Ross reviewed the legal situation upon which the International Council of Religious Education would be making a transfer of its assets to the National Council of Churches if the course were followed which had been authorized by the International Council in its meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, on November 28-29, 1950. He placed before the board a communication from the Council's attorney, J. R. Heath, in which Mr. Heath outlined alternative courses of action which the Council might take in order to make sure that all transfers had been legally made and that the public interest in such transfers had been satisfied.

After studying the matter carefully, the board decided that the International Council should proceed along the lines authorized by the meeting of the corporation inasmuch as the International Council by-laws had been so amended as to provide a Board of Trustees which was composed of the same membership as the Business Committee of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council and a corporation membership which was identical with the membership of the Executive Board of this Division and since, therefore, both corporations could take action simultaneously in case any question arose later which required such action. It was the decision of the board, however, that the Heinz bequest should be held by the International Council of Religious Education for the time being and until such time as its value could be partially or totally increased to the amount of the original bequest.

Transfer of Assets

Voted—that, in accordance with the authorization given this Board of Trustees in a resolution passed by the International Council of Religious Education under date of November 28-29, 1950, and recorded on pages 57-59 of the 1951 *Dockets and Reports* (pages 134-36 of this *Yearbook*), this Board of Trustees does hereby empower its Chairman, its Treasurer, and its General Secretary, or any two of them, to execute and sign the following papers which were presented to this meeting by the General Secretary, with the understanding that copies of these exhibits are to be entered in the permanent records of the Board of Trustees and with the understanding that the legal document relating to the assignment of contracts requires a signed acceptance on behalf of the Division of Christian Education, also that the transfer of the contract with Thomas Nelson & Sons for the publication of the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible and the Revised Standard Version Bible requires a signed acceptance by the Division of Christian Education and the signed consent of Thomas Nelson & Sons:

- a. Quit-Claim Deed for property at Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire.
- b. Assignment of Securities as listed.
- c. Assignment of Contracts, including all rights, title, and interest in such contracts held by the International Council of Religious Education.
- d. Bill of Sale for all chattel property owned by the International Council of Religious Education.
- e. Assignment of Contract with Thomas Nelson & Sons, outlining terms of publication of the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible and the Revised Standard Version Bible, subject to the approval of said assignment by Thomas Nelson & Sons according to the Statement of Consent.
- f. Assignment of Copyright for the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.
- g. Assignment of Copyright for the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible.

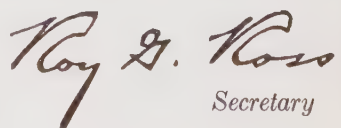
Assignment of Copyrights

The General Secretary explained to the board that, in order to conserve income from royalties on the Uniform Lesson treatments, it seemed necessary to copyright the Uniform Lesson Outlines in the names of both the International Council and the Division of Christian Education. He stated that he had been advised by legal counsel that this could be done, provided an undivided interest in the outlines was held by each of the bodies. Since the 1951 and 1952 Uniform Lesson Outlines and the Home Daily Bible Readings based thereon had been copyrighted in the name of the International Council and since the 1953 Outlines and Bible Readings

were about to be copyrighted in the name of the Division of Christian Education, it was the opinion of the attorney that the International Council should transfer an undivided one-half interest in the Outlines and Home Daily Bible Readings for 1951 and 1952 to the Division of Christian Education, also that the Division should transfer an undivided one-half interest in the 1953 Outlines and Home Daily Bible Readings to the International Council. It was also his opinion that both organizations should sign an agreement whereby the International Council would have an undivided one-half interest in any future copyrights of the Division pertaining to the Uniform Lesson Outlines. Dr. Ross presented to the board copies of the five legal assignments for approval and authorization by the Board of Trustees.

Voted—

1. That this Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and empowers its Chairman, its Treasurer, and its General Secretary, or any two of them, to execute and sign assignments, in whole or in part, of any copyrights now owned by the corporation to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, an Illinois corporation.
2. That this board specifically approves the forms of assignment as recommended by the General Secretary on advice of counsel, as found in the following exhibits which shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting:
 - a. "International Sunday School Lessons; The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series 1951, Cycle of 1951-56."
 - b. "International Sunday School Lessons; The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching; Home Daily Bible Readings on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series 1951, Cycle of 1951-56."
 - c. "International Sunday School Lessons; The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching Uniform Series 1952, Cycle of 1951-56."
 - d. "International Sunday School Lessons; The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching; Home Daily Bible Readings on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series 1952, Cycle of 1951-56."
 - e. Agreement between the International Council of Religious Education (charter name, International Sunday School Association) and the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, whereby the International Council will have an undivided one-half interest in any and all future copyrights of the said Division pertaining to the "International Sunday School Lessons; The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," which are copyrighted by the said Division.
3. That if the General Secretary shall find, prior to the execution of these assignments, that the form of assignments should be modified in order to preserve the best interests of this International Council of Religious Education, then said officers, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to execute other forms of assignments and to determine, in their discretion, which, if any, copyrights are to be so assigned and whether this corporation shall retain a fractional interest in any copyright so assigned.


Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Year 1950

The report of the treasurer is submitted on the following pages. The balance sheet is copied from the report of the certified public accountant who audited the books of the Council following the close of the year.

The receipts of the Council for 1950 totalled \$696,700.24 as compared with \$552,093.51 for 1949. The receipts of the Council for the regular budget in 1950 totalled \$511,872.26 as compared with \$462,858.79 for 1949. The receipts for the supplementary budget in 1950 totalled \$184,827.98 as compared with \$89,234.72 in 1949.

The total disbursements of the Council for 1950 were \$670,590.07 as compared with \$550,768.20 for 1949. The disbursements from the regular budget fund totalled \$493,104.35 as compared with \$448,860.58 in 1949. The disbursements from supplementary income totalled \$177,485.72 as compared with \$101,907.62 in 1949.

The total receipts for 1950 showed increases over 1949 of \$10,090.71 from denominations. This represents one of the largest increases from denominations in the history of the Council. Receipts from individuals, corporations and foundations increased \$6,094.93. Sharing-the-Cost fees for Leadership Education showed an increase of \$3,856.07, thus making it possible to cover the cost of standard leadership education services. There was a slight decrease in receipts from state, city, county, and provincial councils.

The general funds on hand on December 31, 1950 amounted to \$124,539.43. This included unappropriated undesignated funds totalling \$1,705.94, appropriated undesignated funds totalling \$607.31, designated funds totalling \$107,051.05, and Geneva Point Camp reserves totalling \$15,175.13.

The general showing for 1950 is gratifying. The Council has closed this year with greatly increased income, with all bills paid for regular services, and with a small balance.



Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR

February 6, 1951

Dr. Luther Wesley Smith
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The International Council of Religious Education
Charter Name—International Sunday School Association
206 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, we have examined the books and records of the International Council of Religious Education (whose charter name is International Sunday School Association, a corporation authorized to operate on a non-profit basis) for the year ended December 31, 1950, and present herewith financial statements as detailed in the table of contents on the following page.

Our examination consisted of the usual balance sheet verification, subjected to the qualifications thereon, but we did not make a detailed audit of the transactions.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet fairly presents the financial position of the International Council of Religious Education at December 31, 1950, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DUGDALE & Co.
By J. W. Dugdale
Certified Public Accountant

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1950

ASSETS

GENERAL FUND ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on Hand and in Bank:

Undesignated Funds—Unappropriated	\$ 1,705.94	
Undesignated Funds—Appropriated (vouchers payable)	607.31	
Designated Funds	107,051.05	

SUB-TOTAL

*Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, N.H. 15,175.13 \$124,539.43

Accounts Receivable (not confirmed by circulation)

National Council of Churches

Trade:

Literature Service	\$ 4,970.50	
Journal Subscription & Advertising	3,770.24	
Leadership Education	14,075.26	
Educational Evangelism	2,219.16	
Others	795.70	\$ 25,830.86

Less: Reserve for Doubtful Accounts

Inventories (quantities, condition and pricing as determined by the ICRE)

25,000.00
25,330.86
34,248.32

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

Capital Assets: (subject to revaluation)

*Land and Buildings, Winnepesaukee, N. H.	\$ 70,896.20	
*Equipment, Winnepesaukee, N. H.	19,858.27	
Furniture and Fixtures, Chicago	55,331.06	146,085.53

Other Assets:

International Radio Production

Goodwill	\$ 900.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	695.20	\$ 1,595.20

Prepaid Receipts

Leasehold Improvements (net)

2,603.96
17,830.68
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ASSETS

SPECIAL FUND ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 44,244.09	
Securities at Book Value (Schedule 1-A)	117,463.50	
Accounts Receivable—from ICRE	40,204.00	
I.A.D.V.B.S.	8,800.00	
Other Investments	2,800.00	

TOTAL SPECIAL FUND ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS

*Assets and liabilities of Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, N. H. are shown as of October 31, 1950, with capital assets shown at net depreciated value.

LIABILITIES

GENERAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Current Liabilities:

Account Payable to Special Fund.....	\$ 40,204.00	
Vouchers Payable.....	607.31	\$ 40,811.31

Deferred Income..... \$ 2,603.96

Funds:

Designated Funds (Schedule 1-B).....	\$107,051.05	
David C. Cook Fund		
Winnepesaukee Property.....	\$15,000.00	
Working Fund.....	15,000.00	30,000.00
Capital Investment—Undesignated (Schedule 1-C)....	192,568.50	329,619.55

TOTAL GENERAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS..... \$373,034.82

SPECIAL FUNDS (Exhibit III)

Investment Funds.....	\$181,744.31
Special Purpose Funds.....	27,781.63
Agency Funds.....	3,985.65

TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS..... 213,511.59

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS..... \$586,546.41

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Regular Budget:

Undesignated (Schedule 2A).....	\$366,132.00
Regular Designated (Schedule 2B).....	145,740.26

TOTAL REGULAR BUDGET.....\$511,872.26

Supplementary Designated Budget (Schedule 2B)..... 184,827.98

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$696,700.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Regular Budget:

Undesignated (Schedule 2C).....	\$330,560.31
Regular Designated (Schedule 2D).....	162,544.04

TOTAL REGULAR BUDGET.....\$493,104.35

Supplementary Designated Budget (Schedule 2D)..... 177,485.72

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....\$670,590.07

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS.....\$ 26,110.17

SCHEDULE OF UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Schedule 2-A

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Individual and Corporate Gifts.....	\$119,231.02	
Constituent Agencies:		
Denominations—Regular.....	\$ 91,565.26	
State Councils.....	3,528.31	
City and County Councils.....	2,808.48	
Provincial Councils.....	25.00	97,927.05
Related Agencies.....	25.00	
I.A.D.V.B.S. Contributions and Interest on Investments...	6,115.24	
Income for Lesson Committee.....	5,500.00	
Sharing the Cost of Leadership Training.....	10,562.05	
Honoraria for Field Services.....	714.80	\$240,075.16

GENERAL RECEIPTS:

Annual Meeting:

Contribution from Joint Committee.....	\$ 400.00	
Offerings.....	829.54	\$ 1,229.54
Conference Luncheon Receipts.....	1,949.25	
Interest and Discounts.....	301.74	
Royalties and License Fees—Publications		
and Lesson Materials.....	40,070.70	
Services Rendered.....	3,339.45	
Yearbook Advertising.....	527.91	47,418.59

INCOME FROM SECURITIES.....\$ 8,614.06

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Subscriptions and Extra Copies.....	\$ 53,167.55	
Journal Advertising.....	16,116.83	69,284.38

MISCELLANEOUS.....739.81

TOTAL.....\$366,132.00

SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Schedule 2-B

FOR REGULAR BUDGET PURPOSES:

Department of English Bible.....	\$ 10,725.19
Literature Service.....	66,719.08
National Christian Teaching Mission.....	18,971.42
Parshad Scholarships.....	3,886.01
Religion and Public Education.....	1,445.00
Revised Standard Bible Committee.....	20,066.62
Revised Standard Bible Promotion.....	17.87
Syndicated Articles.....	71.00
Sustaining Membership.....	9,164.61
United Christian Youth Movement.....	14,563.77
Youth Conference Scholarships.....	109.69

TOTAL.....\$145,740.26

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS:

Audio-Visual Education Service.....	\$ 12,000.00
Audio-Visual Production of Leadership Education.....	52,923.90
Audio-Visual Radio Production—Revolving Fund.....	2,284.98
Audio-Visual Utilization.....	1,000.00
Call (The).....	23,403.66
Christian Education Today.....	878.63
Church World Service.....	200.00
Community (The) and Christian Education.....	82.80
Conference on Junior Camping.....	5.50
Cooperative School of Drama.....	1,012.00
Crusade Special.....	12,231.78
Department of Financial Development.....	13,974.15
Department of Financial Development.....	1,849.89
Educational Evangelism Literature—Revolving Fund.....	15,790.18
English Bible Illustrated Addresses.....	73.00
Exhibition Committee.....	1,492.25
50th Anniversary Observance.....	2,238.46
Geneva Point Camp Building Fund.....	2.25
German Student Program.....	810.00
History of Cooperative Religious Education Movement....	309.84
Inter-Cultural Education.....	4,421.40
Journal Promotion—Revolving Fund.....	3,080.00
Learning for Life.....	28.00
National Christian Teaching Mission—Turnover Charts...	411.13
National Conference Children's Workers.....	1,223.45
Newspaper Lesson Syndication.....	13,095.49
Protestant Conference Child Welfare.....	-4.00
Regional Conference Receipts.....	4,927.46
Travel Youth World Meeting.....	1,025.00
United Christian Adult Movement—Regional Conference..	352.95
United Christian Youth Movement—	
Eastern Regional Office.....	2,947.00
United Christian Youth Movement—Packets.....	41.81
United Christian Youth Movement—Pins.....	635.25
United Christian Youth Movement—Stamps.....	249.70
Vacation Religious Education Fellowship—	
Revolving Fund.....	40.00
Visual Education Fellowship.....	4,258.05
Visual Education Workshop.....	3,958.03
Workshop for Local Church Directors.....	1,397.99
Workshop on Camping.....	70.50
Workshop on Summer Conferences.....	105.50

TOTAL..... 184,827.98

TOTAL DESIGNATED RECEIPTS.....\$330,568.24

SCHEDULE OF UNDESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS

Schedule 2-C

ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 9,482.67	
APPROPRIATIONS TO RELATED AGENCIES	7,298.68	

DEPARTMENTS:

Educational:

Adult Work and Family Education	\$ 9,932.62	
Audio-Visual and Radio Education	16,331.26	
Children's Work	8,338.66	
Community Service and Field Planning	4,906.41	
Curriculum Development	7,673.34	
Field Administration	12,395.40	
Leadership Education	18,088.07	
Vacation and I.A.D.V.B.S.	9,413.28	
Weekday Religious Education	10,497.28	
Young People's Work	10,820.50	\$108,396.82

General Administrative:

Office of General Secretary	\$30,206.96	
Educational Program and Research	25,401.46	
Public Relations	10,658.23	
Promotion and Finance	20,914.66	
Office Management	7,004.96	
Business	23,252.64	117,438.91
		225,835.73

GENERAL OVERHEAD:

Amortization of Leasehold	\$ 4,089.46	
Electricity	1,391.90	
Furniture and Equipment	3,255.63	
Insurance	287.25	
Professional Services—Accounting and Legal	897.25	
Rent—Chicago Office	17,847.06	
Stationery and Office Supplies	4,023.42	
Telephone and Telegraph	2,637.84	

TOTAL GENERAL OVERHEAD	\$ 34,429.81	
Less: Amount Pro-rated to Other Departments	13,577.57	20,852.24

GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS (including Pension Trust)	15,387.49	
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	51,703.50	

TOTAL	\$330,560.31	
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SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS

Schedule 2-D

FOR REGULAR BUDGET PURPOSES:

Department of the English Bible.....	\$ 10,274.65
Literature Service.....	58,274.61
National Christian Teaching Mission.....	26,521.27
Parallel Gospels.....	5,000.00
Parshad Scholarships.....	7,800.00
Religion and Public Education.....	667.71
Revised Standard Bible Committee.....	15,268.96
Revised Standard Bible Promotion.....	111.52
Sustaining Membership.....	8,526.44
United Christian Youth Movement.....	28,698.31
Youth Conference Scholarship.....	1,400.57

TOTAL.....\$162,544.04

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS:

Addressograph Equipment.....	\$ 45.58
Audio-Visual Evaluation Service.....	3,240.26
Audio-Visual Production of Leadership.....	47,231.02
Audio-Visual Radio Production—Revolving Fund.....	2,291.91
Audio-Visual Utilization.....	7,705.96
Call (The).....	1,349.76
Camp Management.....	1,009.50
Children's Work Regional Conferences.....	44.42
Church World Service.....	60.00
Community (The) and Christian Education.....	51.64
Conference on Junior Camping.....	33.17
Cooperative School of Drama.....	1,016.15
Crusade Special.....	15,006.16
Department of Financial Development.....	18,132.26
Department of Financial Development.....	1,849.89
Educational Evangelism Literature—Revolving Fund.....	7,892.28
English Bible Illustrated Addresses.....	61.60
Equipment.....	2,669.96
Exhibition Committee.....	1,550.75
50th Anniversary Observance.....	2,154.03
Geneva Point Camp Building Fund.....	2.25
German Student Program.....	546.79
History of Cooperative Religious Education Movement....	1,967.76
Inter-Cultural Education.....	6,975.90
Joint Committee on Leadership Education.....	1.18
Journal Promotion—Revolving Fund.....	4,275.97
Leadership Education Special.....	115.54

CARRIED FORWARD.....\$127,281.69 \$162,544.04

BROUGHT FORWARD For Regular Budget Purposes.....	\$162,544.04
Supplementary Projects.....	\$127,281.69

SUPPLEMENTARY PROJECTS (Continued)

National Christian Teaching Mission—Turnover Charts...	444.00
National Conference Children's Workers.....	992.82
Newspaper Lesson Syndication.....	13,378.47
Planning Committee for National Council of Churches...	4,408.27
Protestant Conference Child Welfare.....	95.85
Regional Conference Receipts.....	5,450.62
Revised Standard Version Bible Observance.....	4,738.13
Rural Literature.....	2.24
Travel Youth World Meeting.....	372.57
United Christian Adult Movement—Regional Conference..	383.62
United Christian Youth Movement—	
Eastern Regional Office.....	4,804.01
United Christian Youth Movement—Pins.....	1,132.03
United Christian Youth Movement—Songbooks.....	310.97
United Christian Youth Movement—Stamps.....	8.94
Vacation Religious Education Fellowship—	
Revolving Fund.....	18.49
Visual Education Fellowship.....	6,313.26
Visual Education Workshop.....	4,284.59
Workshop for Local Church Directors.....	1,430.58
Workshop on Camping.....	82.79
Workshop on Summer Conferences.....	209.48
World Convention—1950.....	1,355.00
Youth Consultations.....	-12.70

TOTAL.....	177,485.72
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TOTAL DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS.....	<u>\$340,029.76</u>
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	1948	1949	1950
Methodist Church.....	\$19,600.00 ¹	\$19,500.00 ²	\$21,500.00
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.....	11,761.00	12,775.00	13,925.00
Disciples of Christ.....	7,365.48	7,556.73	8,669.31
American Baptist Convention.....	6,889.61	6,889.61	7,000.00
Congregational Christian Churches.....	4,425.00	4,425.00	5,566.00
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.....	3,551.33	3,800.00	3,800.00
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. (Inc.).....	1,500.00	1,700.00	3,717.12
Evangelical and Reformed Church.....	2,974.75	3,272.21	3,600.00
Evangelical United Brethren Church.....	2,970.00	3,266.67	3,595.00
National Baptist Convention of America.....	915.66	3,030.93	3,334.02
United Lutheran Church in America.....	1,980.00	2,118.60	2,330.46
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	900.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
African Methodist Episcopal Church.....	1,000.00	1,073.04	1,180.33
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	1,133.38 ³	999.65	1,099.60
American Lutheran Church.....	869.42	930.49	1,023.54
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.....	425.00 ⁴	879.73 ⁵	925.21 ⁶
United Church of Canada.....	851.45	950.00	916.29
Church of the Brethren.....	700.00	773.19	773.20
Church of the Nazarene.....	617.76	679.54	750.00
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.....	625.17	668.93	747.49
Cumberland Presbyterian Church.....	633.60	677.95	735.84
Free Methodist Church of North America.....	475.20	508.46	677.95
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	462.08	494.43	559.31
Church of God.....	380.16	418.18	543.87
Reformed Church in America.....	400.00	400.00	460.00
Church of England in Canada.....	236.81	253.39	400.00
Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.....	274.00	200.00	278.73
Five Years Meeting of Friends in America.....			200.00

Churches of God in North America (General Eldership).....	154.44	169.88	186.87
Baptist Federation of Canada.....	125.89 ⁷	150.00 ⁸	150.00
National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A.....			144.00 ¹²
United Brethren in Christ.....	126.85	135.73	135.73
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.....	113.26	121.19	133.31
Presbyterian Church in Canada.....	106.00	106.00	106.00
Moravian Church in America.....	160.99	172.86	102.24 ⁹
United Missionary Church.....	87.12	93.22	93.22
Seventh Day Baptists.....	80.17	75.00	75.00
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.....	70.00 ¹⁰	64.20	70.62
Advent Christian Church.....	60.62	60.00	60.00
Church of Christ (Holiness), U.S.A.....	126.00 ¹¹	84.74	
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Southern Baptist Convention (for Lesson Committee).....	\$75,978.20	\$81,224.55	\$91,565.26
	3,250.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$79,228.20	\$86,724.55	\$97,065.26

- ¹ Includes \$350.05 to apply on 1947 appropriation.
² Additional \$250 sent for special project.
³ Includes \$200 received in early 1948 to complete 1949 appropriation.
⁴ Additional \$425 received in early 1949 to complete 1948 appropriation.
⁵ Includes \$425 received in early 1949 to complete 1948 appropriation.
⁶ Includes \$425 received in early 1950 to complete 1949 appropriation; additional payment to complete 1950 appropriation promised for early 1951.
⁷ Includes \$25 received in early 1948 to complete 1947 appropriation.
⁸ Includes \$25 to complete 1948 appropriation.
⁹ Additional payment from Southern Province to complete 1950 appropriation promised for early 1951.
¹⁰ Includes \$10 received in early 1948 to complete 1947 appropriation.
¹¹ Includes \$60 to complete 1947 appropriation.
¹² One-half of annual appropriation. Balance to be paid in early 1951.

CONTRIBUTION FROM RELATED AGENCY

Department of Christian Education, Canadian Council of Churches.....\$25.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATE

State, Provincial, City, and County Councils	Cash Contributions			Cash Contributions		
	1948			1949		
	State or Province	City and County	Total	State or Province	City and County	Total
*Pennsylvania State Council of Christian Education, Inc.	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00		
Council of Churches of Christ of Allegheny County.....		\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	
Crawford County Sabbath School Association.....		5.00			.....
Erie Council of Churches.....		60.00			60.00	
Lancaster County Sunday School Association, Inc.		25.00			25.00	
United Churches of Scranton and Lackawanna County.....		30.00			30.00	
Wyoming Valley Council of Churches		57.50 ¹			28.75	
		\$ 627.50			\$ 593.75	
*New York State Council of Churches, Inc.....	\$ 50.00 ²			\$ 100.00 ³		
Federation of Churches of Christ in Albany and Vicinity, Inc.....		\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	
Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County.....		35.00			40.00	
Mount Vernon Council of Churches, Inc.....		10.00			15.00	
Protestant Council of the City of New York.....		100.00			100.00	
Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity.....		135.00			135.00	
Syracuse Council of Churches.....		28.75			28.75	
Utica Council of Churches.....		.....			15.00	
Yonkers Federation of Churches....		15.00			15.00	
		423.75			498.75	
*Ohio Council of Churches.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 100.00		
Council of Akron and Summit County.....		\$			\$ 25.00	
Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati.....		25.00			50.00	
Cleveland Church Federation.....		50.00			50.00	
Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County.....		50.00			.....
Toledo Council of Churches.....		27.50			30.00	
Toledo Sunday School Association..		100.00			25.00	
Washington County Council of Religious Education.....		.....			37.25 ⁷	
Youngstown Council of Churches..		25.00			15.00	
		327.50			332.25	

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
\$ 450.00								
\$ 50.00								
50.00								
25.00								
30.00								
30.00								
	\$ 635.00	\$ 853.66	\$ 765.21	\$1,456.94	\$ 1,481.16	\$ 1,358.96	\$2,091.94	
\$ 50.00								
\$ 50.00								
55.00								
20.00								
150.00								
135.00								
38.50								
15.00 ⁴								
	513.50	328.01	578.74	785.69	751.76	1,077.49	1,299.19	
\$ 125.00								
\$ 25.00								
50.00								
120.00 ⁶								
35.00								
25.00								
20.00								
33.00								
	433.00	280.85	388.77	701.09	608.35	721.02	1,134.09	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATE

State, Provincial, City, and County Councils	Cash Contributions			Cash Contributions		
	1948			1949		
	State or Province	City and County	Total	State or Province	City and County	Total
*Michigan Council of Churches and Christian Education.....	\$ 125.00			\$ 100.00		
Bay County Council of Churches...		\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	
Berrien County Council of Churches		25.00			25.00	
Buchanan Council of Churches.....						
Detroit Council of Churches.....		115.00			115.00	
Grand Rapids-Kent Council of Churches.....					25.00	
Kalamazoo County Council of Churches and Religious Education					25.00	
Monroe Council of Churches.....		30.00				
Saginaw Council.....		30.00				
			\$350.00			\$315.00
*Illinois Church Council.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00		
Church Federation of Greater Chicago		\$ 100.00 ⁹			\$ 50.00	
Decatur Church Council.....		30.00			35.00	
Dixon Council of Christian Education.....		13.00				
Evanston Council of Churches.....		10.00			50.00	
Galesburg Council of Churches.....					25.00 ¹⁰	
Mount Morris Council of Churches...		12.00			15.00	
Oak Park-River Forest Community Council of Religious Education, Inc.		30.00				
Princeton Council of Religious Education.....		10.00			25.00	
Springfield Council of Churches....		25.00			25.00	
			280.00			275.00
*Indiana Council of Churches.....	\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00		
Evansville Council of Churches....		\$			\$ 30.00	
Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Inc.....		25.00			30.00	
Hancock County Council of Churches		10.00			15.00	
Howard County Council of Churches					25.00	
Church Federation of Indianapolis and Marion County.....		30.00			40.00	
Council of Churches of St. Joseph County.....		55.00			60.00	
			195.00			275.00
*Missouri Council of Churches.....	\$ 360.00			\$ 360.00		
Kansas City Council of Churches...		\$ 25.00			\$ 50.00	
St. Joseph Council of Churches....						
Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis.....		50.00			50.00	
			435.00			460.00
*Kansas Council of Churches and Christian Education.....	\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00		
Topeka Council of Churches.....		\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	
Wichita Council of Churches.....		40.25			45.00	
			140.25			145.00

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
\$ 125.00								
\$	\$ 35.00							
	25.00							
	20.00 ^s							
	129.96							
	27.50							
							
							
							
	\$ 362.46		\$ 424.90	\$ 299.05	\$ 764.34	\$ 774.90	\$ 614.05	\$ 1,126.80
\$ 50.00								
\$	\$ 50.00							
	38.50							
	15.00							
							
	15.00							
	15.00							
							
	27.50							
	25.00							
	236.00		342.40	506.40	692.15	622.40	781.40	928.15
\$ 75.00								
\$	\$ 31.62							
	33.00							
	15.00							
	27.50							
	40.00							
	66.00							
	288.12		261.90	319.05	616.90	456.90	594.05	905.02
\$ 360.00								
\$	\$ 25.00							
	15.00							
							
	400.00		214.51	222.00	400.14	649.51	682.00	800.14
\$ 75.00								
\$	\$ 30.00							
	45.00							
	150.00		193.60	281.58	378.90	333.85	426.58	528.90

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATE

State, Provincial, City, and County Councils	Cash Contributions			Cash Contributions		
	1948			1949		
	State or Province	City and County	Total	State or Province	City and County	Total
*Washington State Council of Churches and Christian Education (Including Northern Idaho).....	\$ 110.00			\$ 100.00		
Seattle Council of Churches.....		\$ 25.00			\$ 100.00 25.00	
Spokane Council of Churches.....			\$ 135.00			\$ 225.00
*Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware, Inc.	\$ 325.00			\$ 325.00		
East Montgomery County Council of Religious Education.....		\$ 5.75 25.00			\$ 5.00 25.00	
Wilmington Council of Churches....			355.75			355.00
*Iowa Inter-Church Council.....	\$ 300.00 ¹²			\$ 225.00		
Dubuque Council of Churches.....		\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00	
Polk County Council.....			320.00			245.00
*Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00		
Bay Area Council of Churches.....		\$ 35.00			\$ 35.00	
Fresno Council of Churches.....					5.00	
Oakland Council of Churches.....					40.00 ¹³	
San Jose Council of Churches.....			85.00		25.00	155.00
*Wisconsin Council of Churches, Inc..	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00		
Madison Council of Churches.....					\$ 10.00	
Milwaukee County Council of Churches.....			50.00		20.00 ¹⁰	80.00
*Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.....				\$ 50.00		
Los Angeles Church Federation.....		\$ 150.00 ¹⁵			\$ 25.00	
Pasadena Council of Churches.....		15.00			12.00	
Council of Churches of Redlands....		11.50				
San Diego Council of Churches.....			176.50			87.00
*Nebraska Council of Churches and Christian Education.....	\$ 82.50			\$ 82.50		
Lincoln Council of Christian Education.....		\$ 31.62			\$ 35.00	
Omaha Council of Churches.....		55.00	169.12		55.00	172.50
*West Virginia Council of Churches and Christian Education.....	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00		
Huntington Council of Weekday Religious Instruction.....		\$ 8.00			\$ 28.75	
Greater Wheeling Council of Churches and Religious Education.....		25.00	133.00			128.75

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00							
	25.00							
		\$ 225.00	\$ 164.50	\$ 160.15	\$ 290.95	\$ 299.50	\$ 385.15	\$ 515.95
\$ 325.00								
	\$ ¹¹							
	25.00							
		350.00	23.70	52.55	154.90	379.45	407.55	504.90
\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00							
							
		65.00	278.36	287.58	405.97	598.36	532.58	470.97
\$ 50.00	\$ 44.00							
	88.40 ¹⁴							
	27.50	209.90	115.30	183.15	242.55	200.30	338.15	452.45
\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00							
	25.00							
		120.00	136.40	124.95	316.88	186.40	204.95	436.88
\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00							
	25.00 ¹⁶							
	12.00							
	15.00	177.00	183.12	215.00	252.24	359.62	302.00	429.24
\$ 90.75								
	\$ 38.50							
	55.00	184.25	74.50	158.15	237.96	243.62	330.65	422.21
\$ 110.00								
	\$							
	30.00							
		140.00	129.72	261.34	269.09	262.72	390.09	409.09

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATE

State, Provincial, City, and County Councils	Cash Contributions			Cash Contributions		
	1948			1949		
	State or Province	City and County	Total	State or Province	City and County	Total
*Minnesota Council of Churches.....	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00		
Duluth Council of Churches.....		\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00	
Minneapolis Church Federation....		10.00			10.00	
St. Paul Council of Churches.....		50.00			50.00	
			\$ 170.00			\$ 170.00
*Virginia Council of Churches, Inc....	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00		
			200.00			200.00
*New Jersey Council of Churches.....	\$ 343.23			\$ 329.07		
			343.23			329.07
*Massachusetts Council of Churches..	\$ 75.00			\$ 100.00		
Attleboro District Council of Churches.....		\$ 20.00			\$ 25.00	
Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford.....		25.00			25.00	
Greater Springfield Council of Churches.....		50.00			60.00	
Worcester Council of Churches.....		15.00			15.00	
			185.00			225.00
*Washington (D.C.) Federation of Churches.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 100.00		
			50.00			100.00
*Oklahoma Council of Churches and Christian Education.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00		
Oklahoma City Council of Churches		\$50.00 ¹⁷			\$ 28.75	
Tulsa Council of Churches.....		35.00			35.00	
			135.00			113.75
Texas.....	.....			.....
San Antonio Council of Churches...		.....			\$ 25.00	
			.....			25.00
Alabama.....	.....			.....
Birmingham Sunday School Council of Religious Education.....		\$ 30.00			\$ 30.00	
Mobile Council of Churches.....		.....			.....
			30.00			30.00
*Connecticut Council of Churches....	\$ 50.00			\$		
Greater Hartford Council of Churches		\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	
New Haven Council of Churches....		25.00			25.00	
Stamford Council of Churches.....		15.00			15.00	
Waterbury Council of Churches....		25.00			25.00	
			140.00			90.00
*Colorado Council of Churches.....	\$ 75.00			\$ 50.00		
Denver Council of Churches and Religious Education.....		\$ 30.00			\$ 35.00	
			105.00			85.00

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
\$ 100.00								
\$								
10.00								
50.00								
	\$ 160.00		\$ 125.50	\$ 148.30	\$ 247.30	\$ 295.50	\$ 318.30	\$ 407.30
\$ 200.00								
	200.00		97.72	101.05	188.50	297.72	301.05	388.50
\$ 342.01								
	342.01		78.12	237.29	12.68	421.35	566.36	354.69
\$ 110.00								
\$ 25.00								
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.								
	135.00		214.95	253.65	211.30	399.95	478.65	346.30
\$ 53.05								
	53.05		55.80	208.95	50.00	155.80	262.00
\$ 75.00								
\$ 30.00								
55.00								
	160.00		43.70	48.24	78.15	178.70	161.99	238.15
.								
\$ 25.00								
	25.00		107.30	179.35	208.15	107.30	204.35	233.15
.								
\$ 35.00								
50.00								
	85.00		42.60	62.40	136.40	72.60	92.40	221.40
\$ 25.00								
\$ 25.00								
25.00								
25.00								
25.00								
	125.00		49.70	79.00	90.50	189.70	169.00	215.50
\$ 50.00								
\$ 35.00								
	85.00		52.30	104.23	122.95	157.30	189.23	207.95

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATE

<i>State, Provincial, City, and County Councils</i>	<i>Cash Contributions</i>			<i>Cash Contributions</i>		
	<i>1948</i>			<i>1949</i>		
	<i>State or Province</i>	<i>City and County</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State or Province</i>	<i>City and County</i>	<i>Total</i>
*North Dakota Interchurch Council..	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
*Oregon Council of Churches.....	\$ 50.00			65.00		
Portland Council of Churches.....		\$ 28.75			\$ 28.75	
			78.75			93.75
Florida Council of Churches.....	.....		.....	.....		.....
*Maine Council of Churches.....	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00		
Lewiston-Auburn Council of Churches		\$ 10.00			\$	
Council of Churches of Greater						
Portland		20.00			20.00	
			80.00			70.00
Kentucky Council of Churches.....	.....			\$ .....	
Louisville Council of Churches.....		\$ 50.00 ¹⁷			\$ 35.00	
			50.00			35.00
*South Dakota Council of Churches						
and Religious Education.....	\$ 75.00		75.00	\$ 75.00		75.00
*Rhode Island Council of Churches...	\$ 50.00		50.00	\$ 50.00		50.00
Tennessee.....	.....			.....
Memphis Council of Churches.....		.....			\$ 15.00	
			.....			15.00
*Vermont Church Council.....	\$ 25.00		25.00	\$ 75.00 ¹⁸		75.00
*New Hampshire Council of Churches						
and Religious Education (Inc.)...	\$ 25.00		25.00	\$ 75.00 ¹⁸		75.00
*North Carolina Council of Churches..	\$ 50.00 ⁵		50.00	\$ 35.00		35.00
Mississippi.....	.....		.....	.....		.....
New Mexico.....	.....		.....	.....		.....
Ontario Council of Christian Education	\$ 25.00		25.00	\$ 25.00		25.00
Hawaii.....	.....		.....	.....		.....

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
\$ 125.00								
	\$ 125.00		\$ 6.50	\$ 19.70	\$ 57.40	\$ 131.50	\$ 144.70	\$ 182.40
\$ 25.00								
	\$ 30.00							
	55.00		15.90	12.10	104.20	94.65	105.85	159.20
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		30.80	35.35	156.97	30.80	35.35	156.97
\$ 50.00								
	\$							
	50.00		28.80	61.80	70.35	108.80	131.80	120.35
.....								
	\$ 35.00							
	35.00		49.80	46.90	75.85	99.80	81.90	110.85
\$ 87.50								
	87.50		12.63	.....	18.64	87.63	75.00	106.14
\$ 50.00								
	50.00		5.50	22.70	55.65	55.50	72.70	105.65
.....								
	.....		60.20	119.80	104.80	60.20	134.80	104.80
\$ 25.00								
	25.00		43.60	45.40	72.95	68.60	120.40	97.95
\$ 50.00								
	50.00		66.05	74.85	9.55	91.05	149.85	59.55
.....								
	.....		41.20	48.15	35.00	91.20	83.15	35.00
.....								
	.....		.....	21.90	31.25	.....	21.90	31.25
.....								
	.....		20.00	.....	27.55	20.00	.....	27.55
\$ 25.00								
	25.00		.....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00
.....								
	.....		2.50	19.80	19.00	2.50	19.80	19.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES

State, Provincial, City, and County Councils	Cash Contributions			Cash Contributions		
	1948			1949		
	State or Province	City and County	Total	State or Province	City and County	Total
Nevada.....
Georgia.....
Canal Zone.....
South Carolina.....
Philippine Islands.....
Arkansas.....
Utah.....
Idaho.....
*Arizona Council of Churches.....	\$ 50.00	.....	.....	\$ 50.00	.....	.....
Montana.....	\$ 50.00	.....	.....	\$ 50.00
TOTALS.....	\$3,670.73	\$2,524.62	\$6,195.35	\$3,796.57	\$2,638.00	\$6,434.57

* Member state council.
1 Includes \$28.75 for 1947 contribution.
2 For 1947 member appropriation.
3 Includes \$50.00 for 1948 member appropriation.
4 \$20.00 received in early 1951 for 1950 contribution.
5 For 1947 contribution.
6 Includes \$60.00 for 1949 contribution.
7 Includes \$17.25 for 1948 contribution.
8 Includes \$10.00 for 1949 contribution.
9 Includes \$50.00 for 1947 contribution.
10 Includes \$10.00 for 1948 contribution.
11 \$10.00 received in early 1951 for 1950 contribution.
12 Includes \$150.00 for 1947 member appropriation.
13 For 1948 contribution.
14 Includes \$40.00 for 1949 contribution.
15 Includes \$75.00 for 1947 contribution.
16 Additional \$25.00 received in early 1951 for 1950 contribution.
17 Includes \$25.00 for 1947 contribution.
18 Includes \$25.00 for 1948 contribution.
19 An additional \$126.18 was credited to this income in 1950. However, it was later discovered that this amount should have been credited to another account; a correcting adjustment has been made.

COUNCILS AND RELATED STATE, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Cash Contributions			Credited from Leadership Schools			State Totals		
1950			1948	1949	1950	1948	1949	1950
State or Province	City and County	Total						
.....		\$ 2.80	\$ 10.70	\$ 19.00	\$ 2.80	\$ 10.70	\$ 19.00
.....	10.40	18.65	.....	10.40	18.65
.....		8.70	.....	17.65	8.70	.....	17.65
.....	15.88	.....	.....	15.88
.....		3.00	5.15	15.15	3.00	5.15	15.15
.....	21.50	12.16	.....	21.50	12.16
.....		10.00	30.00	10.20	10.00	30.00	10.20
.....		18.80	6.20	8.40	18.80	6.20	8.40
.....		6.00	15.60	5.00	56.00	65.60	5.00
.....		7.00	5.00	3.05	7.00	5.00	3.05
\$553.31	\$2,808.48	\$6,361.79	\$5,257.10	\$6,705.98	\$10,435.87 ¹⁹	\$11,452.45	\$13,140.55	\$16,797.66

Committee on Winnepesaukee Property



THE COMMITTEE ON WINNIPESAUKEE PROPERTY is privileged to present its 1950 report:

MEETINGS: Only one meeting of the entire committee was held during 1950 due to the severe illness last fall of the camp manager, Norman H. Abbott. We are pleased to state that, as this last report is being written, Mr. Abbott is well on the road to full recovery and the committee will be holding a mid-winter or early spring meeting, which ever seems wisest to the camp manager and chairman. The summer meeting was held at Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, on August 3, 1950. The ad interim committee, made up of those members who are in the Boston area, has carried responsibilities with the camp manager in connection with special matters, and the committee as a whole has, during Mr. Abbott's illness, acted upon numerous matters by mail, which actions will be confirmed at the next regular meeting of the committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT: With fixed and current assets totaling \$105,929.60, an increase of \$4,565.53 over that of 1949, the annual audit of Geneva Point Camp for the year ending October 31, 1950, was reviewed very carefully by the chairman, the treasurer, and the secretary.

Operating receipts for the year ending October 31, 1950, totaled \$54,740.25, as compared with \$55,734.37 for 1949. Operating disbursements for the same twelve-months period totaled \$47,164.66 as compared with \$46,018.69 in 1949.

The camp manager's 1950 record, as shown in the audit of the certified public accountant, indicates that, as the year closed on October 31, 1950, all bills had been paid and there was a cash balance of \$11,211.86 in the checking account and \$3,963.27 in the savings account. The savings account has been added to each year by action of the committee as a depreciation fund. Thus the camp continues its long-time practice of working under a balanced budget, made possible by the continued and very effective services of the camp manager.

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS: In addition to making salary increases to many of the camp family personnel, \$9,653.47 was expended for improvements to buildings, additions to equipment, a new tractor, and a new camp automobile.

NEW DINING HALL AND KITCHEN: The official campaign seeking \$50,000 from friends of Geneva Point Camp to be used in the erection of a new dining hall and kitchen, is now under way. The New York City Committee, composed of Dr. Walter M. Howlett and Dr. Herman E. Wornom, held a very successful luncheon for a group of laymen and laywomen and, as a result, Dr. Howlett predicts that the \$15,000 objective will be reached. The mail campaign among "alumni" and the efforts of several members of the Massachusetts Committee have brought \$1,430.37 to date.

CAMP MANAGEMENT: The Committee on Winnepesaukee Property is always eager to pay tribute to the loyal and devoted leadership of the Abbotts. The Committee is pleased to report that Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are continuing in their twenty-sixth year at "Winni." The summer schedule for 1951 is already well filled.

Philip C. Landers

Secretary

A. H. Curry

Chairman

Board of Trustees of INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS (MEMBERSHIP IDENTICAL WITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND IDENTICAL WITH EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES):



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders submits the following report for 1950:

MEETINGS: The Board of Trustees met at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on January 2, 1951. No summer meeting of the board was held in 1950 but members of the board were consulted by mail three times during the year on matters requiring their decision, and the actions taken by mail were confirmed at the meeting on January 2, 1951.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected for a period of one year, extending to October 31, 1951, and until their successors are chosen:

J. L. Kraft	<i>President</i>
C. J. Howel	<i>Vice President</i>
G. Alvin Wilson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Roy G. Ross	<i>Secretary</i>
Wilbur C. Parry	<i>Associate Secretary</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT: The report of the certified public accountant who audited the books for the year ending October 31, 1950, was approved by the board at the January, 1951, meeting and is submitted herewith. This report shows assets as follows:

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Banks

Lake Shore National Bank

Chicago, Illinois \$ 3,136.06

First National Bank

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 28,272.81

Total Current Assets \$31,408.87

FIXED ASSETS (Stated at book value)

Land

Lake Geneva Conference Association

property (Purchased 1914) \$73,000.00

Chalmers property (Purchased 1918) 30,000.00

Collie property (Purchased 1918) 6,500.00

Ground improvements 6,737.97

116,237.97

Buildings constructed 195,267.24

Total Fixed Assets \$311,505.21

TOTAL ASSETS \$342,914.08

The report showed that there were no current liabilities.

The total operating income for the year 1950 was \$81,379.70, as compared with a total of \$85,292.19 for 1949. Operating expenditures for 1950 totaled \$67,730.76 as compared with \$68,664.91 for 1949. Non-operating receipts for 1950 totaled \$140.00 as compared with \$33,142.00 for 1949. Non-operating expenditures totaled \$3,907.85, as compared with \$57,890.06 for the previous year. The cash balance on October 31, 1950, was \$31,408.87, as compared with \$21,527.78 for the same date in 1949. No funds are presently invested in securities.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance at the camp during the summer of 1950 was slightly under that for 1949, but was larger than the attendance for any previous year except 1949. The camp served 94,885 meals in 1950 as compared with 97,737 meals during the previous camp season. This decrease was due to the smaller size of three of the college-age young people's groups. Other conferences balanced each other off, some a little larger and some a little smaller.

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS: Numerous improvements of the past year have helped to enhance the appearance of the grounds and to increase the efficiency of various camp operations. Sheds and board fences near the entrance have been removed. Twenty-two cabins are in the process of being re-roofed and remodeled in a way which will improve the interior appearance and also increase the room capacity. This improvement was undertaken in lieu of the replacement of Fairview Cottage, which is still being used temporarily.

The staff quarters at Oak Lawn were improved by new bathrooms, a water heater in the basement, and a new refrigerator. One gas-fired water heater was installed for the Hamill Hall showers and another in the kitchen. A new steam cooker was provided for the kitchen, and a new loud speaker was installed in Kraft Dining Hall. The Board of Trustees has approved the securing of 176 innerspring mattresses and new springs for the cots. These, with other cabin improvements, will provide much more comfortable quarters.

BUDGET: An operating budget to cover expenditures to the opening of the 1951 camp season, totaling \$10,505.17, was approved. In addition, the expenditure of \$19,756.00 for improvements was anticipated and tentatively approved.

CAMP MANAGEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gocker have agreed to continue as camp manager and camp hostess. Conference Point Camp is very fortunate to have the services of such competent persons for these important positions.

Ray G. Ross
Secretary

J. L. Kraft
President



PART FOUR

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



DOCKETS AND MINUTES

MEMBERS REGISTERED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL
OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

DOCKETS OF NOVEMBER, 1950, MEETINGS

International Council of Religious Education

Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

November 28, 1950, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Devotional Service.....*Edward D. Grant*
- C. Introductory Considerations
 - 1. Roll Call and Report on Credentials
 - 2. Introductions and Greetings
 - 3. Adoption of Docket
 - 4. Appointment of Special Committees for This Meeting
 - a. Committee on Courtesies
 - b. Committee on Report to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches
 - 5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 17-18, 1950
 - 6. Communications
- D. Reception of New Member Agency
 - 1. Nomination from Board of Trustees
 - 2. Election and Reception
- E. Report of General Secretary.....*Roy G. Ross*
- F. Preview of Report of Organizing Committee for Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches
- G. Notice of Proposed Changes in By-Laws
- H. Report of Board of Trustees.....*Luther Wesley Smith*
 - 1. General Review of Meetings Held on October 28 and November 27, 1950
 - 2. Recommendations
 - a. Regarding Transfer of Contractual Responsibilities
 - b. Regarding Policy During Initial Months of New Organization
- I. Report of Commission on Educational Program...*Harry Thomas Stock*
- J. Meeting of International Training School for Sunday School Leaders
- K. Reports of Other Committees
- L. Formulation of Report to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches

M. Statements by Officers

N. Adjournment

November 29, 1950, 3:00 p.m.

(Order of the Day in Meeting of Assembly of Division of
Christian Education of the National Council of Churches)

A. Call to Order

B. Action on Amendments to the By-Laws

C. Unfinished Business from Meeting on November 28, 1950

D. New Business

E. Adjournment

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLEVELAND HOTEL • CLEVELAND, OHIO • NOVEMBER 28-29, 1950



SPECIAL MEETING of the International Council of Religious Education was convened in the Ball Room of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, November 28, 1950, at 10:00 a.m. Paul Calvin Payne, chairman of the International Council, presided, and Roy G. Ross served as recording secretary.

During the afternoon session, *The Council* recessed to reconvene immediately as the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders. After action on matters of business of that organization, the International Council resumed its sessions.

A brief meeting of the International Council of Religious Education was held during a recess in the meeting of the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America which was held on Wednesday, November 29, 1950, at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. The actions taken by the International Council in that meeting are included with the minutes of the Division meeting and are also given at the end of these *Council* minutes.

Devotional Service

After the call to order by the chairman, *The Council* was led in a devotional service by Edward D. Grant, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

INTRODUCTORY CONSIDERATIONS

Roll Call and Report on Credentials

The roll call of members and proxies was compiled from the registration cards. (See pages 187-88.)

Messages of regret from absent members were reported by the secretary.

The following proxies for regular voting members of *The Council* were presented: L. Ralph Tabor for Arthur H. Getz; Lawrence M. Reese for Mabel Elsie Locker; and Hugo L. Dressler for Erwin S. Spees.

Voted—that the credentials be accepted and that the proposed proxies be seated for this meeting of *The Council* and given the full privileges of the meeting.

Introductions and Greetings

The secretary introduced Mrs. Eugene McCarthy, of St. Louis, Missouri, a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Council, and Mr. Ralph McEntire, of Topeka, Kansas, the winner in 1950 of the Colgate Distinguished Service Citation award.

Adoption of Docket

The docket as presented by the secretary was adopted by *The Council*, subject to such minor adjustments as might become necessary in the course of the meeting. (See page 173.)

Appointment of Special Committees

The chairman appointed the following special committees for this meeting:

Committee on Courtesies

Robert W. Gibson, chairman, Oliver Gordon, Edward D. Grant, Reuben H. Mueller, and George Oliver Taylor.

Committee to Prepare Report to Division of Christian Education

Paul Calvin Payne, chairman of *The Council*; Luther Wesley Smith, chairman of Board of Trustees; Harry Thomas Stock, chairman of Commission on Educational Program.

Approval of Minutes

Voted—that the minutes of the meeting held on February 17-18, 1950, as printed in the 1950 *Yearbook*, be approved.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER AGENCY

C. D. Pantle, chairman, presented an oral report of the committee of the Board of Trustees which had been appointed on the previous day to report to *The Council* on the application of the Sunday School and Publishing Board of the National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. for membership in the International Council. Mr. Pantle stated that the committee had met and had considered the application, as well as the statistics and the doctrine of the denomination. He reported that its headquarters were at Huntsville, Alabama, and that it had 1,000 churches, a membership of 72,000, and a Sunday school enrollment of 40,350. On the basis of its consideration of the application, the committee recommended that the application for membership be favorably received by *The Council*.

Voted—that the Sunday School and Publishing Board of the National Primitive Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. be received into membership in the International Council of Religious Education at this meeting.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary reviewed briefly the work of the Planning Committee and its forty-or-more subcommittees and outlined some of the advantages which he envisaged in the merged organization. He said he believed the new structure and the recommended policies would enable Christian education to move forward with greater strength than ever before.

Dr. Ross reported that the Division of Christian Education had already been incorporated and that a meeting of the first Board of Directors had been held. He also reported that revised by-laws for the International

Council of Religious Education had been prepared and would be submitted to *The Council* presently, for final action on the following day.

Dr. Ross reviewed the achievements of the International Council during the fifteen years of his service as General Secretary. After presenting statistics of growth from the standpoint of number of departments, personnel, budget, and income, he said, "The only real achievement of these years will be achievement in the spiritual growth of boys and girls throughout America. Let us pray that millions of lives may have been touched more effectively as a result of the activities carried on by this Council."

He concluded his remarks by saying, "I want to thank this group for fifteen years of professional experience that have been as happy as any man could ever hope to have."

PREVIEW OF REPORT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR DIVISION

The General Secretary described for the members of *The Council* the work of the provisional committees which had been appointed for nominations, membership, and budget and which had been working on their appointed tasks. He also explained the work of the subcommittee on by-laws and arrangements, which had been busily engaged in formulating the plans for the inauguration of the new Division. The new corporation for the Division of Christian Education was also described.

Dr. Ross paid tribute to the Council's representatives on the Planning Committee and, especially, to Luther A. Weigle, Paul Calvin Payne, and Arlo Ayres Brown for the invaluable assistance which they had so generously given in the work of planning for the new National Council and the Division of Christian Education.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

The secretary reported that the proposed by-laws of the International Council had been sent to members of *The Council* by mail under date of November 17, 1950, but that the Board of Trustees, in its meeting on November 27, 1950, had approved a revision of Article II, item 2, of the proposed by-laws, which would make that item read as follows:

- "2. Effective February 17, 1951, the members of the Council (and thus the Executive Committee of the corporation) shall consist of those persons who serve as members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a not-for-profit membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois on November 15, 1950, and such other persons as these members may by their action elect."

The complete by-laws as proposed by the Board of Trustees, including the foregoing revision of Article II, item 2, are printed on pages 211-13. On recommendation of the secretary, it was

Voted—to record the fact that notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws as contained in Article VIII, of the intention of this Coun-

cil to vote on Wednesday, November 29, 1950, at 3:00 p.m. on the proposed change in the by-laws of the International Council of Religious Education so as to substitute for the present by-laws of the International Council those by-laws which were circulated by mail under date of November 17, 1950, except with Article II, item 2, revised according to recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

This action was taken by a unanimous vote of the members of *The Council* who were present.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Before presenting the report of the Commission on Educational Program to *The Council*, Harry Thomas Stock, chairman, stated that the members of the Commission had been saddened to learn that their fall meeting was the last one which Miss Hazel A. Lewis would attend. He said that Miss Lewis had been not only a trusted children's worker in her own denomination but also a potent influence in the field of interdenominational Christian education. Miss Lewis was asked to stand for recognition by *The Council*.

In presenting the Commission report, Dr. Stock explained that the recommendations had come from standing committees of the Council and that the Commission was bringing them to *The Council* for final approval. (For report, see pages 101-13.)

The following actions were taken:

Church-Agency Children and Youth Advisory Committee

Voted—that the recommendation be approved.

Committee on Church School Administration

This was brought for information only.

From the Commission Relating to the Joint Committee on Relationships Between United Christian Youth Movement and International Society of Christian Endeavor

This was brought for information only.

Committee on Vacation Religious Education

Voted—that the recommendation be approved.

Committee on Religious Education of Youth

Voted—

1. That recommendation 1 be approved.
2. That recommendation 2 be held for action in February, 1951.
3. That recommendation 3 be approved.

Special Committee on Educational Evangelism

Voted—that the recommendation be approved.

Committee on Religious Education of Adults

Voted—that recommendations 1-3 be approved.

Committee on Religious Education of Children

Voted—that recommendations 1-4 be approved.

Committee on Field Program

Voted—that recommendations 1-11 be approved.

Special Committee on Camps and Conferences

Voted—that the recommendation be approved.

Committee on Leadership Education

Voted—that recommendations 1-4 be approved.

Committee on Audio-Visual and Radio Education

Voted—that the recommendation be approved.

Official Documents of the International Council

In presenting this section of the report of the Commission, Dr. Stock explained that the recommendations and the documents referred to were to be transmitted to the new Division of Christian Education or to the Commission on General Christian Education, with the expectation that, at the first meeting of the Division or the Commission, these basic policies would be reaffirmed and approved as the policies of the Division or the Commission.

Voted—that approval be given to the fifteen recommendations of the Commission, with the understanding that these matters of policy may be modified at future meetings of the organization to which they are referred.

With respect to the report of the Commission as a whole, it was

Voted—that the report be adopted, with all of its recommendations except recommendation 2 from the Committee on Religious Education of Youth, which was held for later consideration.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The first section of the report of the Board of Trustees, relating to the meeting held on October 28, 1950, was presented by the chairman, Luther Wesley Smith. (See pages 117-29.) Dr. Smith also gave general information concerning the financial condition of the International Council, stating that, in so far as could be told at that period of the year, the prospects were good for a balanced budget again in 1950.

Voted—that the report be received and that approval be given to the actions therein presented.

The second part of the report, regarding the meeting held on November 27, 1950, was presented by the vice chairman, Edward D. Grant. (See pages 130-38.)

In connection with the item regarding the report of the Provisional Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. Ross and Dr. Payne explained the

budget-building procedures for the National Council and discussed denominational quotas.

With reference to item 1 under "Quotas" the Council took the following action:

Voted—

1. That the matter of denominational quotas for Christian Higher Education be referred to the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, which will be meeting yet this afternoon, with the request that it bring its action thereon to the Division of Christian Education tomorrow.
2. That the report of the Provisional Budget and Finance Committee, with the exception of item 1 under "Quotas," be approved.

At the conclusion of the report of the Board of Trustees, it was

Voted—

1. That the report of the Board of Trustees, as a whole, as amended, be approved.
2. That *The Council* record its appreciation and gratitude to Luther Wesley Smith, who has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Budget Committee and who has given time almost unlimited to the skillful handling of his important duties.

RECESS

*Voted—*that the International Council recess to reassemble as the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders.

MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Membership of Corporation

The secretary presented the following resolution concerning the future membership of the corporation:

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders, adopted February 14, 1942, provide that:

"It shall be a condition to any person being elected a member of this corporation that such person shall be either (a) a member of the International Council of Religious Education, organized under special act of Congress under the name International Sunday School Association of America, or (b) approved for membership of this corporation by the International Council of Religious Education or its Board of Trustees."

WHEREAS, the International Council of Religious Education, charter name, International Sunday School Association of America, will have, under date of November 29, 1950, amended its by-laws so as to make its membership on and after February 17, 1951, the membership of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this corporation, the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders, now record its understanding that the future membership of this corporation will, on and after February 17, 1951, be identical with the membership of the International Council of Religious Education and therefore identical with the membership of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, except as the International Council may elect additional or new members of the corporation under the provisions of Article 4 of the by-laws of this corporation.

Voted—that the foregoing resolution be adopted and entered into the official records of this corporation.

Election of Trustees

Arlo Ayres Brown, chairman of the Provisional Nominating Committee, presented that section of the committee's report which recommended the election of members for the Board of Trustees of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders, as follows:

*For Three-Year Term
Expiring in 1954*

C. Norman Dold
Francis A. Drake
C. J. Howel
Wilbur C. Parry
G. Alvin Wilson

*For Term Expiring
in 1952*

*Hyde Gillette
Harry L. Wells

This will make the total membership as follows:

Term Expiring in 1952

*Hyde Gillette
Hugh S. Magill
Walter W. Muller
Roy G. Ross
Harry L. Wells

Term Expiring in 1953

J. L. Kraft
David C. Cook III
Garth Henrichs
Lewis McDonald
John H. Platt

Term Expiring in 1954

C. Norman Dold
Francis A. Drake
C. J. Howel
Wilbur C. Parry
G. Alvin Wilson

Voted—that the report of the Provisional Nominating Committee to this meeting of the corporation be approved and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of this body for those persons recommended by the committee.

After the vote, the secretary reported that the ballot had been cast for the persons so named and that they had been elected.

MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL RESUMED

At the conclusion of the meeting of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders, the meeting was reconvened as the International Council of Religious Education.

* Declined to serve.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Committee on Courtesies

The report of the Committee on Courtesies was presented by the chairman of the committee, Robert W. Gibson. (See pages 188-89.)

Voted—that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be adopted by this meeting.

Message to Luther A. Weigle

John Q. Schisler reminded the members of *The Council* that Luther A. Weigle, who has served for many years as chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, was not able to attend this meeting of *The Council*. Dr. Ross reported that Dr. Weigle, though not able to be away from his home, was nevertheless diligently engaged in the work of the Standard Bible Committee and was making splendid progress.

Voted—that a message of greeting be sent to Dr. Weigle on behalf of the International Council.

Message to Hugh S. Magill

Upon recommendation of the General Secretary, it was unanimously

Voted—to send a message of affection and greeting to Dr. Hugh S. Magill, expressing the appreciation of the Council for his high statesmanship as General Secretary in helping to formulate the structures and policies of the Council and in gathering around him a staff of unusually able persons during those early years.

Message to Ivan M. Gould

It was reported that Ivan M. Gould, a member of the International Council and formerly a member of the staff, was critically ill.

Voted—that a word of greeting and best wishes be sent to Dr. Gould on behalf of the International Council.

Report to Division of Christian Education

Voted—that the committee of three which was appointed at the beginning of this meeting be authorized and empowered to prepare a report to the Division of Christian Education and to present it on behalf of the International Council of Religious Education.

Appreciation of Philip C. Landers

As General Secretary of the Council, Roy G. Ross paid special tribute to Philip C. Landers for the splendid assistance he had rendered during a term of almost ten years as the first Associate General Secretary. He referred to his successful efforts and astute leadership in securing financial undergirding for the Council's program and also mentioned Mr. Landers' interest in the total program of Christian education. He said, "I want to thank him publicly for what he has done in the International Council and to express our joy that he will be rendering a like service in the National Council of Churches."

Luther Wesley Smith expressed an added word of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He gave large credit to Mr. Landers for the "con-

stant and amazing growth" of the financial resources of the Council. He also recalled that it was Mr. Landers who had emphasized the need for fine business men as a part of the International Council and who had foreseen the possibilities of a Council syndication service in the weekly and daily newspapers, as well as other business and financial plans which had advanced the work of the Council. Upon Dr. Smith's recommendation, it was unanimously

Voted—that the International Council express to Philip C. Landers its appreciation and gratitude for his unique ability, for his fine business sense, for his great faith in the Christian ministry of this Council, and for his sincere Christian devotion.

Mr. Landers replied with an expression of gratitude for the support which he had had from his staff colleagues and from the officers of the International Council.

Appreciation of Roy G. Ross

Paul Calvin Payne expressed the deep appreciation of the International Council for the services rendered by Roy G. Ross during his fifteen years as General Secretary and for his arduous labors in preparation for the inauguration of the National Council of Churches. He commended him especially for the "spirit in which he has cooperated in this great merger movement and his willingness to sacrifice his future to a cause." He referred to the prodigious labors which had been performed by Dr. Ross in connection with the budget-building procedures for the National Council of Churches and the many situations in which Mr. Ross had been "able to speak convincingly and with an irenic manner." Dr. Payne commented also on the General Secretary's oft-evidenced ability, in a tense or difficult situation, to jot down quickly a statement or resolution which would solve a perplexing problem.

Dr. Payne spoke of the increased recognition given during the past seven years to the quality and importance of the work done by the International Council. The whole status of the educational movement, he said, had been moved forward. The merger of agencies, he believed, would advance the cause of Christian education by bringing the educational movement into closer rapport with the ecclesiastical agencies of the church. In this connection he referred again to Dr. Ross by saying, "The man who is now leader of this organization has won his spurs in this great adventure into which we are moving."

Dr. Ross replied with an expression of his appreciation to the staff, members of the Council, and the officers, both present and past, including Russell Colgate, Harold E. Stassen, Robert M. Hopkins, Harold McAfee Robinson, Harry Thomas Stock, Arlo Ayres Brown, Paul Calvin Payne, John H. Race, B. A. Whitmore, Luther Wesley Smith, Paul H. Vieth, Edward D. Grant, Luther A. Weigle, and J. L. Kraft. Dr. Ross asked that a message be sent to each of the former officers still living.

In response to a question by Dr. Ross, it was discovered that six persons present at this final meeting of the International Council were present at the inauguration meeting twenty-eight years ago: Henry Reed Bowen, Arlo Ayres Brown, J. Henry Carpenter, Hazel A. Lewis, Ralph McEntire, and J. Q. Schisler.

Dr. Ross also included in his appreciation the many persons who had given leadership in subcommittees and positions along the line where their leadership was not recognized but was nonetheless important.

Provision for Approval of Minutes

Voted—that authority be given to the chairman of *The Council* and the General Secretary to approve the minutes of this meeting for printing in the 1951 *Yearbook*.

Next Meeting

It was understood that another session of *The Council* had been set for the next day, November 29, 1950, as the order of the day at 3:00 p.m. within the meeting of the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after prayer by Nevin C. Harner and the benediction by Arlo Ayres Brown.

Minutes of Meeting of International Council of Religious Education November 29, 1950

A meeting of the International Council of Religious Education was held as the order of the day at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 1950, as a part of the meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. The following actions were taken:

Adoption of By-Laws

The secretary presented the amended by-laws in accordance with the notice which had been given at the meeting of the International Council of Religious Education on November 28, 1950. (For by-laws, see pages 211-13.)

Voted—that this new draft of by-laws, for which notice was given on November 28, 1950, now be approved as a substitute for the by-laws of this International Council of Religious Education which have heretofore been in force and that these by-laws be entered in the records of this Council in its next *Yearbook*.

This action was taken by a standing vote, as follows: For, 100; Against, none; Present, not voting, none.

Officers for International Council and Its Subunits

The secretary presented the following resolution for consideration by the members of the International Council:

Resolved—

1. Whereas the International Council of Religious Education elected officers under date of February 13-14, 1948, for a period of four years, these officers being the following:

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne—Chairman
 Dr. Nevin C. Harner—Vice Chairman
 Mr. J. L. Kraft—Treasurer
 Dr. Roy G. Ross—Recording Secretary

2. Whereas the International Council of Religious Education has taken action transferring most of its administrative and program responsibilities to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, a not-for-profit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Illinois under date of November 15, 1950,
3. Whereas the by-laws of the International Council of Religious Education have now under this date of November 29, 1950, been amended so as to make members of the Executive Board of said Division of Christian Education, on and after February 17, 1951, the members of this corporation and so as to make it possible to elect as the members of the Board of Trustees of the International Council those persons who will also have been elected as members of the Business Committee of said Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America,
4. Whereas it is the desire of this Council to elect as its officers those persons who have been elected as the officers of the Executive Board and Treasurer of said Division of Christian Education of said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and to have as officers of its Board of Trustees those persons who have been elected or will have been elected as officers of the Business Committee of said Division of Christian Education of said National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America,
5. Whereas the officers of the International Council elected on February 13-14, 1948, have, in view of the above desires of the Council, resigned their respective positions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the following persons be elected to the positions herewith set opposite their names as officers of the International Council of Religious Education for a period beginning on February 17, 1951, and extending for a period of two years and until their successors are chosen:

Officers of the International Council of Religious Education

(Officers of the Executive Board and the Treasurer of the Division)

Chairman	Luther Wesley Smith (Chairman of the Executive Board)
Vice Chairman	Franklin I. Sheeder (Vice Chairman of the Executive Board)
General Secretary	Roy G. Ross (Executive Secretary of the Division)

Treasurer J. L. Kraft
(Treasurer of the Division)

Voted—that this International Council of Religious Education approve and adopt the foregoing resolution, including the election of the persons named as officers of the International Council of Religious Education for the period specified.

Adjournment

Voted—that this meeting of the International Council of Religious Education be adjourned.

Paul C. Payne
Chairman

Roy G. Ross
Secretary

Members Registered

Special Meeting, International Council of Religious Education

November 28-29, 1950

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Dr. S. S. Morris
 AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH—Dr. James W. Eichelberger, Dr. Victor J. Tulane
 AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Rev. Joseph John Hanson, Dr. Richard Hoiland, Rev. Frank E. Johnston, Mr. Herbert F. Osteyee, Dr. Luther Wesley Smith
 AUGUSTANA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. Lael H. Westberg
 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN—Dr. C. Ernest Davis
 COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Dr. B. Julian Smith
 CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES—Mr. Charles A. Butts, Miss Merle L. Easton, Mr. Walter A. Graham, Dr. Harry Thomas Stock, Miss Grace E. Storms, Miss Mildred C. Widber
 DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—Mrs. Agnes Holst
 DISCIPLES OF CHRIST—Miss Genevieve Brown, Miss Hazel A. Lewis, Dr. Glenn McRae, Rev. J. D. Montgomery, Rev. E. Lee Neal, Rev. Charles Marion Ross, Rev. George Oliver Taylor
 EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH—Mrs. H. W. Radloff, Dr. Franklin I. Sheeder, Mrs. H. L. V. Shinn
 EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH—Dr. O. T. Deever, Bishop Fred L. Dennis, Dr. L. L. Huffman, Dr. R. H. Mueller
 FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA—Rev. Russell E. Rees
 THE METHODIST CHURCH—Dr. C. A. Bowen, Dr. Arlo Ayres Brown, Miss Mary Edna Lloyd, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Rev. F. Bringle McIntosh, Dr. John Q. Schisler, Dr. Charles E. Schofield, Dr. F. B. Shelton, Dr. Edward D. Staples, Rev. Howard E. Tower, Dr. Frank C. Tucker, Rev. Walter N. Vernon
 MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—Rev. John S. Groenfeldt
 NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (INC.)—Mrs. Esther Walker Tyree, Rev. A. M. Williams
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA—Rev. J. S. Clarke
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES—Dr. Edward D. Grant, Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—Dr. Ray J. Harmelink, Dr. Raymond V. Kearns, Jr., Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, Rev. Kenneth Reeves
 REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA—Dr. Bernard J. Mulder
 SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS—Rev. Ronald I. Hargis
 UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA—Dr. David I. Forsyth
 UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—Mr. L. Ralph Tabor for Rev. Arthur H. Getz, Rev. Lawrence M. Reese for Miss Mabel Elsie Locker, Dr. S. White Rhyne, Mr. Hugo L. Dressler for Dr. Erwin S. Spees
 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA—Dr. Robert W. Gibson
 CALIFORNIA
 Southern California—Mrs. Wallace Frasher
 COLORADO—Rev. Alvin D. Havekost
 CONNECTICUT—Rev. Carl A. Hansen, Miss Edith F. Welker
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Mrs. Josephine H. Kyles
 ILLINOIS—Rev. Hughbert H. Landram
 IOWA—Dr. J. O. Nelson, Dr. C. Orville Strohl
 KANSAS—Dr. C. A. Choate, Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson
 MAINE—Rev. C. D. Wentworth
 MASSACHUSETTS—Dr. John L. Lobingier, Rev. J. E. Thomas
 MINNESOTA—Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
 MISSOURI—Rev. George W. Wilson
 NEW JERSEY—Mr. Henry Reed Bowen
 NEW YORK—Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Rev. Harlan M. Frost, Dr. H. E. Wornom
 OHIO—Dr. B. F. Lamb

OKLAHOMA—Rev. J. T. Morrow

OREGON—Rev. Gilbert B. Christian

PENNSYLVANIA—Mrs. Mary Harker Jones, Mr. Murray C. Stewart

VIRGINIA—Mr. B. G. Locher, Dr. Ulysses G. Wilson

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS—Dr. Nevin C. Harner, Mr. Edwin B. Lindsay, Mr. Ralph N. McEntire, Dr. Paul Calvin Payne

CONVENTION-ELECTED MEMBERS—Dr. Nevin C. Harner, Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, Mrs. Eugene R. McCarthy, Dr. Fred D. Stone

SPECIAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE—Dr. J. A. Heck, Dr. W. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
MEMBERS APPOINTED BY ASSOCIATED SECTIONS—Rev. Robert J. Campbell (Pastors' Section), Rev. Walter E. Daniels (City Executives' Section)

REPRESENTATIVES OF RELATED AGENCIES—Dr. James V. Claypool (American Bible Society), Dr. Forrest L. Knapp (World Council of Christian Education), Rev. Fred E. McQueen (Cooperative Publication Association)

Committee on Courtesies

November 28, 1950

Your Committee on Courtesies would bring to the attention of this body the debt of gratitude which we owe to those who have led us so ably in these closing days of our Council. We are aware that they built on foundations laid by others whose labors and contribution to the course of Christian education have been clearly set forth in the book *Protestantism Faces Its Educational Task Together*.

These days of merging councils have called for strong leadership, and we have been fortunate in having the right leaders in the right places in these Council days. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we express our gratitude to Paul Calvin Payne, who, as chairman of *The Council*, has not only presided over our sessions with dignity and decorum but, in season and out, has represented us before other councils with a voice to which others have respectfully listened.
2. That we express our gratitude to Harry Thomas Stock, who has carried on the fine traditions of the Commission on Educational Program and, as chairman of this Commission, has contributed much in shaping the ongoing program.
3. That we express our gratitude to Luther Wesley Smith, whose untiring efforts as chairman of the Board of Trustees have enabled this Council to gain a broader undergirding of support from its church constituency and to underwrite an increasing and widening program of Christian education adapted to the needs of our time.
4. That we express our gratitude to J. L. Kraft, who, as treasurer of this Council, has raised thousands of dollars for its support and given loving care to the supervision and investment of our funds.
5. That we express our gratitude to Harold E. Stassen, whose Christian leadership and willingness to give time and counsel to the Council have meant much to the expanding influence of our organization.
6. That we express our gratitude to God for Roy G. Ross, whose tireless efforts across fifteen years have expanded the program, increased

financial support, and trebled the services to the denominations of this body, and that we express gratitude especially for the fine leadership which he has given in representing our interests and in shaping the emerging National Council of Churches.

7. That we express our appreciation of the tremendous amount of work done and the gifted leadership so freely given by the entire staff of the International Council of Religious Education. We wish we might call the roll of this grand company and refer to the special contribution which has been made by each member, for without their detailed work the many achievements of this Council would have been impossible.

ROBERT W. GIBSON, *Chairman*

OLIVER GORDON

EDWARD D. GRANT

REUBEN H. MUELLER

GEORGE OLIVER TAYLOR

(For action on this report, see Minutes of *The Council*, page 182.)

DOCKET OF FEBRUARY, 1951, MEETING

International Council of Religious Education

Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 1951

2:00 p.m.—ORDER OF THE DAY in Connection with Meeting of
Executive Board of Division of Christian Education of
National Council of Churches

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 28-29, 1950
3. Election of Additional Members of the International Council of Religious Education
4. Election of Members and Officers of the Board of Trustees
5. Appointment of Any Necessary Committees
6. Report of Board of Trustees
7. Report of Twenty-second Quadrennial Convention
8. Notice of Proposed Change in By-Laws
9. Time of Regular Meetings
10. Provision for Approval of Minutes
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

DOCKET

International Training School for Sunday School Leaders

Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 1951

2:15 p.m.—ORDER OF THE DAY in Connection with Meeting of
Executive Board of Division of Christian Education of
National Council of Churches

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 17-18, 1950
3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 28, 1950, and Confirmation of Election of Trustees
4. Report of Board of Trustees
5. Provision for Filling of Vacancies
6. Provision for Transaction of Business for Ensuing Year
7. Provision for Approval of Minutes
8. Additional New Business
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DESHLER-WALLICK HOTEL • COLUMBUS, OHIO • FEBRUARY 17, 1951



THE ANNUAL MEETING of the International Council of Religious Education was convened at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, as an Order of the Day at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 1951, in connection with the meeting of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. According to the change in the by-laws which was approved by vote of the International Council in its meetings on November 28 and 29, 1950, the membership of the International Council of Religious Education, effective February 17, 1951, consists of the members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education and such other persons as these members may by their action elect.

Luther Wesley Smith, chairman of the International Council, called the meeting to order and presided over the session. Roy G. Ross served as recording secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Joseph John Hanson.

Roll Call

The following members of the International Council of Religious Education were present:

William Barrick
Hunter B. Blakely
C. A. Bowen
Arlo Ayres Brown
E. Fay Campbell
Franklin D. Cogswell
C. Ernest Davis
Bryant Drake
Lucy M. Eldredge
John L. Fairly
David I. Forsyth
Robert W. Gibson
Edward D. Grant
John S. Groenfeldt
John O. Gross
Joseph John Hanson
Ray J. Harmelink
Nevin C. Harner
A. F. Harper

W. L. Jenkins
Forrest L. Knapp
Gerald E. Knoff
Glenn McRae
Dale H. Moore
Wilbur C. Parry
Paul Calvin Payne
J. Allan Ranck
S. White Rhyne
Roy G. Ross
Oscar J. Rumpf
Ruth I. Seabury
Franklin I. Sheeder
Luther Wesley Smith
Esther C. Stamats
Harry Thomas Stock
George Oliver Taylor
Paul H. Vieth
Raymond A. Vogetley

Adoption of Docket

The docket as presented by the secretary was approved. (See page 190).

Approval of Minutes

Voted—that the minutes of the meeting held on November 28-29, 1950, as printed on pages 77-88 in the 1951 *Dockets and Reports* (report of the International

Council of Religious Education to the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches) be approved. (See pages 175-86 of this *Yearbook*.)

Election of Additional Members of International Council

It was explained that certain members of the Business Committee of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches were not members of the Executive Board of the Division and, therefore, not members of the International Council of Religious Education. In order to make possible their service on the Board of Trustees of the International Council, it would be necessary to elect them as members of the International Council, since members of the Board of Trustees, according to the by-laws, must be members of the International Council.

Voted—that the International Council of Religious Education elect the following persons as members of the International Council for a period of two years and until their successors are chosen.

Allen Abrams
C. M. Goethe
Mrs. Clifford Heinz
Randolph T. Ode

Raymond R. Peters
Robert B. Spencer
Lael H. Westberg

Election of Members and Officers of Board of Trustees

Voted—

1. That the following persons be elected as members of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education for a term of one year and until their successors are elected, it being understood that these persons, together with the Chairman, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer of the International Council of Religious Education and the Chairman of the Division Assembly, the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, and the Chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education:

Allen Abrams
Alfred H. Avery
Kenneth J. Beaton
Arlo Ayres Brown
C. H. Dickinson
David I. Forsyth
Robert W. Gibson
C. M. Goethe
Ivan M. Gould
Edward D. Grant
Richard Hoiland
Mrs. Clifford Heinz
Robert M. Hopkins
C. J. Howel
L. L. Huffman
W. L. Jenkins

Lewis McDonald
Reuben H. Mueller
Bernard J. Mulder
Randolph T. Ode
Mrs. Leon Roy Peel
Raymond R. Peters
Lovick Pierce
John Q. Schisler
Franklin I. Sheeder
Roy L. Smith
Robert B. Spencer
Harold E. Stassen
Raymond A. Vogeley
H. Torrey Walker
Luther A. Weigle
Lael H. Westberg

(Following are the officers referred to in the above action as *ex officio* members of the Board:

Officers of International Council of Religious Education

Luther Wesley Smith—Chairman of International Council
Roy G. Ross—General Secretary of International Council
J. L. Kraft—Treasurer of International Council

Officers of Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches

Paul Calvin Payne—Chairman of Division Assembly

Luther Wesley Smith—Chairman of Executive Board

Harry Thomas Stock—Chairman of Commission on General Christian Education

John O. Gross—Chairman of Commission on Christian Higher Education)

2. That the following persons be elected as officers of the Board of Trustees for a period of one year and until their successors are chosen:

Edward D. Grant—Chairman

Richard Hoiland—Vice Chairman

(According to the by-laws, the Treasurer of the International Council, at present J. L. Kraft, serves as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.)

Report of Board of Trustees

Franklin I. Sheeder, vice chairman, took the chair for this item on the docket.

The chairman of the Board of Trustees, Luther Wesley Smith, reported that meetings of the board had been held on October 28, 1950, and on November 27, 1950, and that the minutes of those two meetings had been approved by *The Council* in its meeting on November 28, 1950. The minutes were printed for information in the 1951 *Dockets and Reports*. (See pages 117-38 of this *Yearbook*.)

Dr. Smith also reported the actions taken at a meeting of the Board of Trustees which was held on February 14, 1951. (For minutes of that meeting, see page 139.)

Voted—that the report of the Board of Trustees be received and that the actions therein be approved and ratified.

Report of Twenty-Second Quadrennial Convention

Gerald E. Knoff presented the report of the Twenty-Second International Quadrennial Convention, as printed on pages 96-100 of the 1951 *Dockets and Reports*. (See page 200 of this *Yearbook*.)

Voted—that the report be received and filed.

Notice of Proposed Change in By-Laws

Attention was called to the fact that, since the revised by-laws were adopted by the International Council of Religious Education on November 29, 1950, it had become evident that the formula for choosing the members of the Board of Trustees made it difficult for the board membership to be identical with the membership of the Business Committee of the Division of Christian Education. It was also proposed that board members be elected for two years, instead of annually. It was unanimously

Voted—that notice be and it is hereby given whereby the following resolution for amendment of the by-laws of the International Council of Religious Education will be voted upon at the next meeting of the International Council of Religious Education:

Resolved—that the by-laws of the International Council be amended by deleting the present Article III, item 1, which reads as follows:

- "1. The members of the Executive Committee, who constitute the membership of the International Council of Religious Education, incorporated as

International Sunday School Association, shall annually elect from its members to the Board of Trustees, for a term of one year or until their successors are elected, not less than twenty-five and not more than thirty-two persons. These persons so elected, together with the Chairman, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer of the International Council of Religious Education and the Chairman of the Division Assembly, the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, and the Chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois, shall constitute the Board of Trustees."

and by substituting for it a new Article III, item 1, which reads as follows:

Article III, Item 1

- "1. The members of the Executive Committee, who constitute the membership of the International Council of Religious Education, incorporated as International Sunday School Association, shall biennially elect from its members a Board of Trustees, to serve for a term of two years and until their successors are elected, this board to consist of not less than twenty-five and not more than thirty-nine persons, including the Chairman, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer of the International Council of Religious Education and the Chairman of the Division Assembly, the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, and the Chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois."

Time of Regular Meetings

Voted—that the regular meetings of the International Council of Religious Education be held in conjunction with meetings of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Provision for Approval of Minutes

Voted—that authority be given to the chairman of *The Council* and the General Secretary to approve the minutes of this meeting for printing in the 1951 *Yearbook* of the International Council of Religious Education.

Adjournment

The meeting of the International Council of Religious Education was adjourned, to reconvene as the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders.

Paul C. Payne
Chairman

Roy G. Ross
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Columbus, Ohio, February 17, 1951



THE ANNUAL MEETING of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders was convened at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, as an Order of the Day, at 2:15 p.m., February 17, 1951, in connection with the meeting of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. According to a resolution adopted by the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders at its meeting on November 28-29, 1950, the membership of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders, on and after February 17, 1951, is identical with the membership of the International Council of Religious Education and, therefore, identical with the membership of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Roll Call

The following members of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders were present:

William Barrick
Hunter B. Blakely
C. A. Bowen
Arlo Ayres Brown
E. Fay Campbell
Franklin D. Cogswell
C. Ernest Davis
Bryant Drake
Lucy M. Eldredge
John L. Fairly
David I. Forsyth
Robert W. Gibson
Edward D. Grant
John S. Groenfeldt
John O. Gross
Joseph John Hanson
Ray J. Harmelink
Nevin C. Harner
A. F. Harper

W. L. Jenkins
Forrest L. Knapp
Gerald E. Knoff
Glenn McRae
Dale H. Moore
Wilbur C. Parry
Paul Calvin Payne
J. Allan Ranck
S. White Rhyne
Roy G. Ross
Oscar J. Rumpf
Ruth I. Seabury
Franklin I. Sheeder
Luther Wesley Smith
Esther C. Stamats
Harry Thomas Stock
George Oliver Taylor
Paul H. Vieth
Raymond A. Vogeley

Adoption of Docket

The docket as presented by the secretary was adopted. (See page 191.)

Approval of Minutes

Voted—

1. That the action of the president of the Board of Trustees, J. L. Kraft, and the secretary of the board, Roy G. Ross, in approving the minutes of the meeting of this corporation which was held on February 17-18, 1950, in the form in which they are printed in the 1950 *Yearbook* of the International Council of Religious Education, be confirmed.
2. That the action of the president of the Board of Trustees, J. L. Kraft, and the secretary of the board, Roy G. Ross, in approving the minutes of the meeting of this corporation which was held on November 28, 1950, in the form in which they are printed in the 1951 *Dockets and Reports* (Report of the International Council of Religious Education to the Division of Christian Education), be approved, including the confirmation of the election of trustees as reported in those minutes. (See pages 180-81 of this *Yearbook*.)

Report of Board of Trustees

*Voted—*that the report of the Board of Trustees, as found on pages 92-93 of the 1951 *Dockets and Reports*, be received, approved, and filed. (See pages 168-69 of this *Yearbook*.)

Provision for Filling of Vacancies

*Voted—*that the Board of Trustees of this corporation be empowered to fill vacancies in the membership of the Board of Trustees until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

Provision for Transaction of Business for Ensuing Year

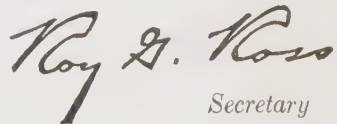
*Voted—*that the Board of Trustees of this corporation be authorized and empowered to take action for and on behalf of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders on all matters pertaining to the management of the affairs of the corporation until the next annual meeting.

Provision for Approval of Minutes

*Voted—*that the president of the Board of Trustees, J. L. Kraft, and the secretary of the board, Roy G. Ross, be authorized to approve the minutes of this meeting of the corporation for publication in the 1951 *Yearbook* of the International Council of Religious Education.

Adjournment

*Voted—*that this annual meeting of the International Training School for Sunday School Leaders be adjourned to reassemble as the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.


Secretary

Special Committee for This Meeting

Committee on Memorials

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Your Committee on Memorials reports the following persons whom we have lost from our fellowship since we last met and who now live in the Father's house:

DR. MITCHELL BRONK, of Germantown, Philadelphia, died on October 31, 1950, at the age of 87. From 1924 to 1939 he was editor of adult Sunday school publications of the American Baptist Publication Society and book editor from 1931 to 1940. He was active in the adult and editors' groups of the International Council of Religious Education. A man of scholarly attainments and literary skill, he contributed to the richer interpretation of religion to his generation.

MISS A. ELOISE HURLEY, of Washington D.C., died on November 18, 1950. She was active in Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work, a vice president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, and superintendent of Sunday schools of the Potomac District, Baltimore Conference, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

MRS. JEAN E. HOBART, pioneer in religious education of children, died in Excelsior, Minnesota, at the age of 95. She was Director of Children's Work for the Minnesota Sunday School Association, and for a while served as its acting secretary. She was associated with Maude Jenkins Baldwin of the International Sunday School Association. In Minnesota she promoted separate departments for children, organized the "Graded Union" in Minneapolis, started the first training classes, and introduced visual aids in teaching. She was a member of the Congregational Church.

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE FREDERICK KINGSTON, Primate of the Church of England in Canada, died on November 20, 1950. He served for periods as chairman and as vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Canada, and was for many years an active member and examiner in leadership training enterprises.

PRESIDENT CLYDE A. LYNCH, of Lebanon Valley College, Pennsylvania, died on August 4, 1950, at the age of 61. He was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and served pastorates of that denomination and as a seminary professor before becoming president of Lebanon Valley College. He was an officer in the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and was interested in all phases of its educational program.

DR. HENRY W. McLAUGHLIN, for many years Director of Country Church and Sunday School Expansion of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., died on August 27, 1950, at the age of 81. He was an advocate of the larger parish idea, an interpreter of the educational program of the rural church, including its relation to rural economics and rural sociology, and did much to extend Sunday schools in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. He attended some of the annual meetings of the International Council of Religious Education and was much interested in its work.

MR. WALTER E. MYERS, for twenty-seven years General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Religious Education, died on December 20, 1950. Mr. Myers, a layman, was an accountant for eighteen years before beginning work with the Erie Y.M.C.A. He served for twelve years as secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association and was called, in 1920, as its superintendent of the Adult Division and


three years later as its general secretary. Many significant accomplishments marked his administration. He was active in the International Sunday School Association and its successor, the International Council of Religious Education. For many years he served on its legislative body as well as on various committees. He also helped to develop and promote the work of the Employed Council Officers' Association.

MR. C. D. PANTLE, for nine years general manager of the Christian Board of Publication (Disciples of Christ), died on January 28, 1951 at the age of 60. Mr. Pantle, a layman, had been employed for twenty-five years by the M. K. & T. Railroad. He was better known, however, as an active and devoted churchman, president of the Board of Elders and Deacons of the Union Ave. Christian Church. He entered upon his work with the Board of Publication with great energy and enthusiasm and under his management the Board had a remarkable expansion. He was vice-president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education and at the time of his death was president of the Cooperative Publication Association. He believed firmly in cooperative Protestantism and was a delegate to the Cleveland Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches.

MISS MARY E. SKINNER, Director of the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, died on May 8. Miss Skinner went to a similar position in the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1927 and became director of the Department of Children's Work of the General Board of Education of the combined church after the union of the Methodist churches in 1940. She thus served in a general church relationship for twenty-three years. Throughout this time she was most active in the Committee on Religious Education of Children and the Children's Work Section of the International Council of Religious Education. Her clear and incisive interpretations of educational principles and procedures made her counsel sought after not only by those in her own denomination but by those in other denominations as well. In recent years she was concerned about the Christian nurture of children of other lands and spent a considerable amount of time in Mexico and South America, bringing real and constructive help to the children's workers of many countries.

ALFRED F. HARPER
Chairman

Twenty-Second Quadrennial Convention

HE TWENTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION of the International Council of Religious Education was held at the Coliseum in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Tuesday afternoon, August 15, 1950, during the time that the Thirteenth World Convention of the World Council of Christian Education was being held in that city.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Dr. Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Convention, who presided until time for the presentation of the report of the Nominating Committee. At that time, Dr. Edward D. Grant, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was asked to take the chair. Dr. Grant presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Worship

The Convention was led in an opening period of prayer by Dr. E. A. Hardy, Chairman of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. The closing prayer and benediction were by Dr. C. H. Dickinson, Book Steward of the United Church Publishing House, United Church of Canada.

Call to the Convention

The official Call to the Convention, signed by Harold E. Stassen, President, was read by Dr. C. H. Dickinson.

The President's Statement

Dr. Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Quadrennial Convention, presented a statement in which he commented on the long, friendly relationship of the United States and Canada, a condition which has been augmented by the strength of Christianity in the two countries and the substantial spiritual interchange which has always gone on across the border. Dr. Stassen commended the executive officers of the International Council for their able administration and stressed the work of Christian education as one of the most important tasks of our nation today.

Report of the Quadrennium

Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the International Council, brought to the Convention the greetings of the officers of the Council and told of the plan for the organization of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, into which the International Council would be incorporated as a part of the Division of Christian Education. He referred to the past achievements of the International Council, made possible to a large extent by the intelligent planning and loyal support of a vast group of consecrated laymen. He expressed the belief that, with like consecration on the part of a growing number of such persons in the

years ahead, and with the close cooperation of the clergy, the religious education movement can move on to greater accomplishments.

Dr. Gerald E. Knoff reviewed the achievements of the Christian education movement during the past three years. He spoke of increased enrollments in Sunday schools, vacation church schools, summer camps and conferences, and leadership training credits. Developments in weekday religious education, cooperative youth work, family education, vacation church schools, educational evangelism, and preparation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible were also noted. Dr. Knoff announced that, while the next United States-Canadian Christian education convention would be held under the auspices of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, that convention would carry on directly the great tradition of the past 118 years. He expressed his belief that the new National Council would represent untold opportunities for good in American national life.

Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, which had been appointed by the chairman of *The Council*, was composed of the following persons:

Arlo Ayres Brown, <i>Chairman</i>	H. Torrey Walker
L. L. Huffman	Roy G. Ross
Paul Calvin Payne	Philip C. Landers
Luther Wesley Smith	

In the absence of the chairman, the report of the Nominating Committee was presented to the Convention by Dr. L. L. Huffman as follows:

YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

I. OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. *Officers*

Your committee nominates the following officers of the International Quadrennial Convention to serve for a period of four years, beginning with the adjournment of this International Quadrennial Convention and until their successors are chosen:

1. President—Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania
2. Vice President and Treasurer—J. L. Kraft, Chicago, Illinois; Chairman of the Board, Kraft Foods Company
3. Area Vice Presidents—
 - a. *Nominated for Reelection*

Alfred H. Avery, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Industrialist and donor of the Parshad Youth Scholarships

C. H. Dickinson, Toronto, Ontario; Book Steward, United Church Publishing House

Ralph W. Gwinn, Bronxville, New York; United States Congressman from New York; President of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Harry Hines, Dallas, Texas; Oil contractor; Founder and first president of the Laymen's League of Christian Churches

Edwin B. Lindsay, Davenport, Iowa; Lindsay and Phelps Company

Thomas J. Watson, New York, New York; Chairman of Board, International Business Machines Corporation

b. Newly Nominated

L. O. Breithaupt, Kitchener, Ontario; Member of Parliament; President, Breithaupt Leather Company

Donald Comer, Birmingham, Alabama; President, Avondale Mills

John V. Dobson, Minneapolis, Minnesota; President, Anderson Lumber Company

Mrs. W. W. Fondren, Houston, Texas; Member, Board of Trustees, Southern Methodist University and Scarritt College; Member of many area and national Methodist boards

Karl Homuth, Preston, Ontario; Member of Parliament; Active layman, United Lutheran Church in America

Clayton B. Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana; Secretary-Treasurer, Fairmount Glass Works

A. R. Keppel, Salisbury, North Carolina; President of Catawba College (Representing the National Protestant Council on Higher Education)

F. L. McCluer, St. Charles, Missouri; President, Lindenwood College (Representing the National Protestant Council on Higher Education)

Ralph N. McEntire, Topeka, Kansas; Retired manufacturer; 1950 recipient of the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation

Randolph T. Ode, Providence, Rhode Island; President, Providence Lithograph Company

Horace Reed, Buffalo, New York; President, Buffalo Savings Bank; Founder and President, Niagara Lithograph Company

Robert B. Spencer, Fort Morgan, Colorado; President, Colorado Council of Churches

Joseph Sunnen, St. Louis, Missouri; President, Sunnen Products Company.

4. Secretary—Roy G. Ross

B. *Convention-Elected Members to The Council*

Your committee recommends that the following persons be elected by this Convention as representatives of the Convention to the membership of *The Council* of the International Council of Religious Education for a period of four years, beginning with the adjournment of this convention, and until their successors are elected:

Allen Abrams, Marathon Corporation, Rothschild, Wisconsin
Roy Burkhart, Columbus, Ohio

Francis A. Drake, Flowerside Farms, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
C. M. Goethe, Capitol National Bank Building, Sacramento, California

Nevin C. Harner, Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Clifford S. Heinz, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee

Robert M. Hopkins, New York, New York

George K. Hyslop, New York, New York

Forrest L. Knapp, New York, New York

Mrs. Eugene McCarthy, St. Louis, Missouri

Lewis McDonald, Chicago, Illinois

Hugh S. Magill, Auburn, Illinois

Guy E. Snavelly, New York, New York

Fred D. Stone, Evanston, Illinois

Paul H. Veith, New Haven, Connecticut

Luther A. Weigle, New Haven, Connecticut

Abdel Ross Wentz, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

II. OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.

Whereas the International Council of Religious Education has taken action whereby its program activities may be carried forward by the Division of Christian Education of the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America after this National Council has been inaugurated by a Constituting Convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, November 28 to December 1, 1950;

Whereas provision has been made in the proposed by-laws for the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches whereby there will be a continuing Quadrennial Convention carrying forward the tradition of the Quadrennial Convention of the International Council of Religious Education;

Whereas provision has been made whereby—

- A. Officers of the Quadrennial Convention will be members ex officio of the Division of Christian Education, and
- B. The Convention is empowered to elect to the Division Assembly twenty members.

Therefore, your Nominating Committee submits the following additional recommendations:

- A. That the officers nominated above for the International Quadrennial Convention of the International Council of Religious Education be also elected as officers of the International Quadrennial Convention of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., to begin service if and when the new National Council is constituted with by-laws providing for such an International Quadrennial Convention.
- B. That the persons nominated above to serve as representatives of the International Quadrennial Convention of the International Council to the membership of *The Council* be also elected as representatives of the International Quadrennial Convention of the Division of Christian Education to the membership of the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council, if and when the National Council of the Churches of Christ is consummated with provision for such a Division Assembly and such representation therein.

The secretary was authorized to cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of the Convention for approval of the Nominating Committee's report, thus electing those persons to the positions named. The secretary reported that all ballots had been cast according to the authorization of the Convention.

Address by Dr. Payne

Dr. Paul Calvin Payne, Chairman of the International Council and the General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, brought a message on "The Greatest Work in the World."

In emphasizing the work of those who teach Christianity to children and youth, Dr. Payne said, "The teacher's work is exciting because people are what they are taught to be. The key person at a critical moment in human history is the one who teaches children and young people."

Dr. Payne also stressed the importance of the Sunday school as an adjunct to home teaching. He said that the Sunday school was "limited but indispensable," and referred to the necessity of having busy and successful people willing to teach young people and children in the church school. His message ended on a heartening note. "It is our exciting privilege," he said, "to live at a time when anything can happen—which means the right thing can happen. A fluid society is a society that offers each life a chance to impress its idealism as it could not in a static society."

Roy G. Ross, *Secretary*

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Appendix

Charter and By-Laws

Charter

Articles of Incorporation of the International Sunday School Association

(Act of Congress)
(Public No. 42)

Charter: An Act to Incorporate the International Sunday School Association of America.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William N. Hartshorn, of Boston, Massachusetts; Honorable J. J. Maclaren, of Toronto, Canada; Marion Lawrance, of Toledo, Ohio; George W. Bailey, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; A. B. McCrillis, of Providence, Rhode Island; H. J. Heinz, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; H. M. Hamill, of Nashville, Tennessee; E. R. Machum, of Saint John, New Brunswick; W. A. Eudaly, of Cincinnati, Ohio; F. A. Wells, of Chicago, Illinois; G. G. Wallace, of Omaha, Nebraska; G. W. Watts, of Durham, North Carolina; E. K. Warren, of Three Oaks, Michigan; John Stites, of Louisville, Kentucky; Honorable W. D. Wood, of Seattle, Washington; and Seth P. Leet of Montreal, Province of Quebec, and their associates and successors, are created a body corporate in the District of Columbia under the name of the International Sunday School Association, and as such shall have power to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued; to take and hold real estate not exceeding one million dollars in value in the aggregate or personal estate by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, and to manage, sell or convey, or transfer same for the purposes of the Association; to have perpetual succession; to have a common seal, and to break, alter, or change the same at will.

Sec. 2. That the purpose of the Association shall be to promote organized Sunday school work, to encourage the study of the Bible, and to assist in the spread of Christian religion.

Sec. 3. That the members of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association as it may be constituted by said Association, shall be the members of this Association.

Sec. 4. That the affairs of the Association shall be managed by the members. It may by by-laws provide for a board of not less than fifteen trustees, who shall be elected annually, to act between meetings of the Association, whose duties and powers shall be prescribed in said by-laws. Until the members of this association meet and elect trustees, the persons named as incorporators herein shall constitute the Board of Trustees; Provided, That a majority of said trustees shall at all times be citizens of the United States.

Sec. 5. That the officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, one or more Vice Chairmen, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, with such other officers, employees, and committees as the Association shall choose, who shall hold their respective offices, appointments, or employments as may be provided in the by-laws of the Association.

Sec. 6. That the Association may adopt and change at will such rules and by-laws as it deems proper for its government and control not in conflict with this Charter, the Constitution of the United States of America, the Provinces and Territories of the Dominion of Canada, or any State, Territory, Province, County, or District in which such rule or by-laws is sought to be enforced, and shall provide the time of meetings and the number necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and how votes of members shall be cast.

Sec. 7. That the Association shall have no capital stock, and the private property of its members shall not be subject to its corporate debts.

Sec. 8. That the Association's principal place of business shall be Washington, District of Columbia. Meetings of the Association and its trustees may be held at any point that may be fixed by the by-laws or by order of the Board of Trustees or in any call for a meeting issued as may be authorized in the by-laws.

Sec. 9. The right to alter, amend or repeal this Act is reserved.

Approved, January 31, 1907.

BY-LAWS

Preamble

1. We recognize it to be the right and duty of each denomination through its properly constituted Sunday school authorities to direct its Sunday school work.

2. We recognize that in the field of religious education, there is need for cooperative efforts between the various denominations, between the several denominations and organizations, and among the general organizations themselves and that there are problems in religious education that can best be solved by such cooperative effort.

3. We recognize that in the field of religious education, the local community, and local institutions and organizations have rights of initiative and local self-government.

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4. We recognize the rights of the cooperating local churches and organizations to be represented as such in the direction and control of any community movement, which has for its purpose the training of workers for the local churches or the religious instruction of the children of the churches.

5. The International Sunday School Association henceforth and until the Charter is amended shall operate under the name and title "The International Council of Religious Education."

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of the International Council of Religious Education shall be as specified in the Charter granted by Act of Congress: "To promote organized Sunday school work, to encourage the study of the Bible, and to assist in the spread of the Christian religion."

In pursuance of its purpose as stated in its Charter, it shall be the function of the International Council of Religious Education to serve as an agency of the churches of North America through which they may engage cooperatively in mutual helpfulness toward maintaining and developing the most effective program of Christian education and through which their leaders in Christian education may (a) enjoy the inspiration and self-education which come through fellowship, (b) share convictions, ideas and experiences, (c) evaluate their current plans and practices, (d) cooperate in examining areas of needed service, (e) carry on cooperative research, (f) carry on activities for enrichment of their denominational programs, (g) plan together religious education activities of a community nature, (h) cooperate in developing a public mind favorable to the conduct of Christian education, (i) unite in carrying on certain designated aspects of their work, (j) conduct joint experimentation in needed new fields vital to Christian education, (k) provide a means whereby two or more denominations may join in common endeavors of their choice, (l) organize and assist councils of churches or of religious education at each geographical level, and (m) join in such other plans and activities as may seem wise and helpful.

Article II. The International Council of Religious Education

1. The International Council of Religious Education shall function as the Executive Committee according to the provisions of the Charter issued to the International Sunday School Association granted by Congress under which the Council is incorporated.

2. Effective February 17, 1951, the members of the Council (and thus the Executive Committee of the corporation) shall consist of those persons who serve as members of the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a not-for-profit membership corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois on November 15, 1950, and such other persons as these members may by their action elect.

3. Unless otherwise provided, the term of office of members of the International Council shall be two years, or until their successors shall have been elected. Vacancies shall be filled by the electing bodies.

4. The International Council shall elect officers who shall serve for a two-year period and until their successors are chosen. The officers shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Council in the year 1952 and every second year thereafter. These officers shall be a chairman, a vice chairman, a treasurer, and a general secretary who shall also serve as recording secretary of the Council. The chairman of the Council and the general secretary shall be members ex officio of all committees of the Council.

5. The chairman of the International Council, with the approval of the general secretary and of the chairman of the Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to fill vacancies as they may occur between meetings of the Council in the membership of all standing and special committees of the Council, and to provide proxies for the Council's representatives on these committees. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be only until the next regular meeting of the Council and appointment of proxy shall be only for the particular meeting named.

6. The International Council shall hold at least one regular meeting each biennium at such time and place as it may have previously determined, failing in which it shall meet at the call of the chairman.

7. Special meetings of the International Council may be called by the chairman with the consent of, or at the direction of, a majority of the Board of Trustees.

8. The chairman and the general secretary of the International Council shall prepare a docket of business to come before the regular meeting of the Council, and submit the same to each member of the Council at least ten days prior to the time fixed for said meeting.

9. Urgent business not included in the docket (provided for in paragraph 8), and not calling for an amendment to these by-laws, may be considered by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

10. The International Council shall elect the general secretary for a term not to exceed two years and shall fix his salary. The Council may, if desirable, elect annually, on nomination of the General Secretary, any additional members of the International Council staff, fix their salaries, and define the general policies governing them.

11. The International Council shall determine the extent of the work of the Council and may, if desirable, establish the departments through which the work of the Council may be carried on, and shall make provisions for the necessary funds for the support of the Council.

12. Fifteen members of the International Council shall be required for a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. The Council shall function through the Board of Trustees in the field of business and so far as practicable through the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America in the field of educational program.

14. The Council shall also function through standing committees which shall carry on the details of their work under the guidance of the Council. Committees carrying business functions shall work under the guidance of and report through the Board of Trustees. All other committees shall report directly to the International Council.

Chairmen of standing committees shall be elected by the Council. The Council may also name the membership of all committees or it may delegate the appointment of business committees to the Board of Trustees.

The International Council may provide for the appointment of persons who are not members of the Council as cooperating members of the several committees. Cooperating members so appointed shall have all the privileges of membership in such committees including the right to vote.

Article III. Board of Trustees

1. The members of the Executive Committee, who constitute the membership of the International Council of Religious Education, incorporated as International Sunday School Association, shall annually elect from its members to the Board of Trustees, for a term of one year or until their successors are elected, not less than twenty-five and not more than thirty-two persons. These persons so elected, together with the Chairman, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer of the International Council of Religious Education and the Chairman of the Division Assembly, the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, and the Chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Illinois, shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

2. The Board of Trustees shall be charged with general supervision of the financial affairs of the Council, under the direction of the Council, and shall guide and coordinate the work of the business committees, and receive reports from them. The Board of Trustees during the interim between meetings of the Council shall have such power and shall perform such duties of the Council as are in accordance with its instructions or policy.

3. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the International Council. The Treasurer elected by the Council shall serve as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Article IV. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer of the International Council of Religious Education shall receive and have charge of all moneys, gifts, bequests, or investments belonging to the Council and shall deposit, pay out, or invest the same as directed by the Board of Trustees.

2. The Treasurer shall give a bonding company's bond for the faithful discharge of his duties to the Board of Trustees; the expenses of said bond shall be paid by the Council.

Article V. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular or special meeting of the members of the corporation by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given at a preceding session of the International Council and that at least twenty-one members shall have favored the same.

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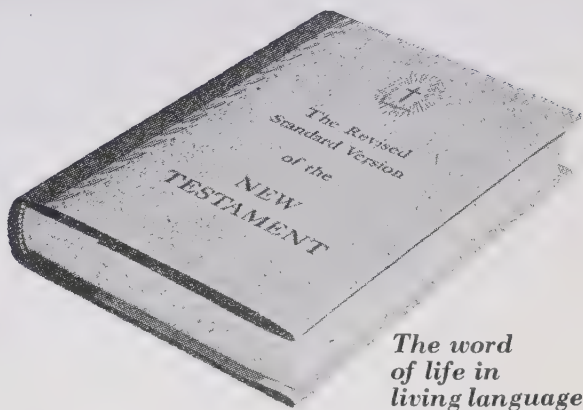
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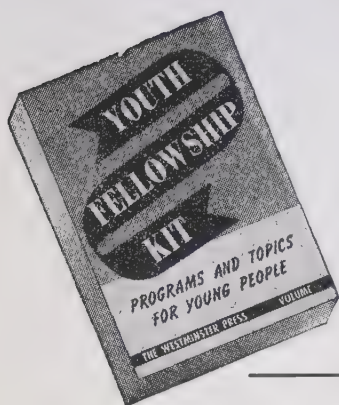


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